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Newsletter: Term 1 Week 8

Principal's Message:

It was great to see so many family members at the school leadership presentation yesterday. It is always pleasing to see so many students put their name forward and take on the responsibility of being leaders within the school. The fact that so many students are willing to lead is a big part what makes Westlawn a terrific school.

Congratulations to the Year 3 and 5 students who have participated in NAPLAN assessments over the last 2 weeks. This can be a difficult and nerve-wracking experience however our students have approached the assessments in a calm and relaxed manner. Results from these assessments will be available later in the year. Student's results will be measured by 4 proficiency levels, exceeding, strong, developing and required support.

Breakfast Club

We now have a breakfast club thanks to Mr Martin.

It is on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30am- 8:55am. We serve toast and thanks to Food Bank we also have some granola bites and breakfast drinks.

Keeping Safe Online

Cyberbullying is when someone uses the internet to be mean to a child or young person so they feel bad or upset. It can happen on a social media site, game, app, or any other online or electronic service or platform. It can include: posts, comments, texts, messages, chats, livestreams, memes, images, videos and emails.

These are some examples of ways the internet can be used to make someone feel bad or upset:

- Sending hurtful messages about them.
- Sharing embarrassing photos or videos of them.
- Spreading nasty online gossip about them.
- Creating fake accounts in their name.
- Tricking them into believing you are someone else. See for advice - <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/issues-and-advice>

Attendance

Every day counts, as regular attendance helps students to:

- develop a sense of belonging
- develop and maintain friendships
- be more engaged at school
- progress with their learning
- be more aware of career and life options.

Supporting positive school attendance is a shared responsibility - everyone has a role.

Trent Patterson
Principal

Westlawn Swimming Carnival

Our carnival was held on Tuesday 18 February at the new Clarence Regional Aquatic Centre. The facility was fantastic for both competitors and spectators. The weather was absolutely perfect for swimming and it was wonderful to see our students, no matter their swimming ability, have the chance to get in the water and have a crack at swimming 50m or to go as far as they could. For nearly all our students, it was the very first time they had attended a swimming carnival with the entire primary cohort.

Congratulations to our age champions:

Junior Boy - Jacob
11 yr Boy - Claye
Senior Boy - Jack

Junior Girl - Ava
11yr Girl - Quinn
Senior Girl - Hollie and Grace (tie)

Champion House – Neptune



Huge thanks to the parents who helped time keep on the day. It was greatly appreciated.

The following students qualified to compete at the Clarence Swimming Carnival: Florence, Zahli, Lainey, Ruby, Emmeline K, Bella, Nahla, Isla, Ava, Ally, Piper, Lola, Romey, Chloe, Zarly, Eva, Fyn, Keira, Daina, Quinn, Neave, Grace, Sadie, Makella, Grace, Hollie, Rome, Kip, Dylan, Jayden, Jacob, Braxton, Brody, Damon, Eli, Claye, Hunter, Nayte, Sam, Jed, Logan, Jax, Leo, Jack, Oliver, Levi and Nash.



Clarence Swimming Carnival Results

Congratulations to the 47 students who represented Westlawn PS at the Clarence Swimming Carnival on Friday 21 February. Competitors who finished in the first four in individual events or first three in relays qualified to progress to the MNC carnival on Friday 28 February. Major achievements on the day included:

- *Claye winning the 11 years boy age champion trophy
- *Bella, Nahla and Emmeline finishing equal 2nd in the jnr girls age division
- *Jacob finishing 2nd in the jnr boys age division
- *Quinn finishing 3rd in the 11 yrs girls age division
- *Grace finishing equal 2nd in the snr girls age division

Westlawn students won 8 individual events thanks to:

Rome - 8 yrs boys 50m freestyle

Bella - 9 yrs girls 50m freestyle

Nahla - 10 yrs girls 50m freestyle

Claye - 11 yrs boys 50m freestyle and 11yrs boys 50m backstroke

Emmeline – Jnr girls 50m breaststroke

Grace - Snr girls 50m breaststroke

Jacob – Jnr boys 50m backstroke

Westlawn PS also won two out of four relays with the junior girls (Zahli, Lainey, Nahla and Ava) and the senior girls (Daina, Quinn, Sadie and Hollie) proving too fast on the day!

The following students qualified to compete at the MNC Swimming Carnival on Friday 28 February in Coffs Harbour: Hollie, Rome, Florence, Kip, Bella B, Lainey, Jacob, Nahla, Ava, Claye, Quinn, Emmeline K, Sam, Daina, Grace, Makella, Hunter, Zahli D, Jayden, Dylan, Nash, Leo R, Jed, Ruby, Brody H, Jack and Jax.

MNC Swimming Carnival Results

The Mid North Coast carnival was held in Coffs Harbour on Friday 28 February. The competition is always tough at this level and competitors needed to finish in the first four in individual events and first three in relays to qualify for the North Coast Carnival. Congratulations to these students for achieving that feat:

Rome – 3rd in 8yrs boys 50m freestyle in 53.30

Claye – 3rd in 11yrs boys 50m backstroke in 46.33

Rome and Claye will travel to Kempsey on March 26 to compete at the North Coast carnival and attempt to finish in the top three to qualify for the NSWPSSA Swimming Championships.

Good luck, boys!



Sporting House Leaders

House meetings were held on Friday 14 February to elect House captains and vice captains. Students who nominated for leadership roles stood in front of their House population and delivered short speeches. Congratulations to the following students who were successful:

Jupiter (Red)

Captains - Harry & Makella

Vice Captains - Knox & Ashlynn

Mercury (Yellow)

Captains – Nash & Poppy

Vice Captains - Levi & Samara

Neptune (Blue)

Captains - Levi & Lilly

Vice Captains - Jack & Lola

Saturn (Green)

Captains - Lennox & Hollie

Vice Captains - Kaden & Kyla



MNC and NC Tennis Trial Results

Quinn, Luca, Romey and Fraser trialled for selection into the MNC Tennis teams at the Grafton City Tennis Club on February 14. Congratulations to Romey who was successful.

Romey then played for the MNC team at the North Coast trial on Monday 3 March. She played three matches, winning one. This meant Romey finished third in her pool, just missing the play-off round.

Congratulations on your achievements in tennis so far this year, Romey.



NSWPSSA Girls Cricket Championships

Daina and Kaitlyn travelled down to Tuggerah to play for the North Coast team at the NSWPSSA Cricket Championships from February 17 to 20. We knew we were going to have some tough competition from the other teams.

We had an early start on Monday having to get up 6:00am. We travelled to the main fields for our photos and to get our uniforms before taking on Sydney North in our first game. We started warming up then we went on the field. Both Kaitlyn and I had a bowl but sadly no wickets from either of us but that's okay because it was time for us to bat. We batted together. I only got 1 run but Kaitlyn got 30 and she hit four 4s, which is was outstanding! We ended up losing but we knew we had another game so we drove to our next destination.

Game two was against Polding. We ended up batting first. Kaitlyn got 16 runs and I did not bat that game. Then it was time to bowl. I bowled, got a maiden and even a run out! Then Kaitlyn bowled and she got a hat trick which is 3 wickets in a row! We were stunned. We won that game by one run. Then we travelled back to our accommodation ready for the next day.

We didn't wake up early on Tuesday morning. We had the bye so we had a little sleep in and then we went to our game against Sydney East. Kaitlyn and I both opened the bowling with no wickets again but I got two maidens out of three overs. Then it was time for batting. They had strong bowlers and got three of our batters out in the first over. I got 5 runs and Kaitlyn also got 5 runs with one four. We sadly lost that game and then we went back and had a goodnight sleep ready for Wednesday.

We woke up early ready for our game against the South Coast. We fielded first and bowled great then it was time for batting. I got 2 runs and Kaitlyn got a duck, sadly, but we ended up taking the loss and travelled to our next game. It was against the Sydney North Invitational. We ended up bowling first. Kaitlyn was wicket keeper for the whole game and ended up getting a catch and was close a couple of times. I bowled two overs and gave 4 runs away. Sadly, neither one of us had a bat and our side lost but we scored our highest total of 122 runs! We finished for the day and went home ready for the last day.

We woke on Thursday knowing we were going to give those last two games all we had. So we drove to the fields ready to vs Mackillop. We batted first and Kaitlyn batted great but unfortunately the rain had other plans and our match was abandoned.

We had hoped our final against North West wouldn't be rained out but unfortunately it was so they went off run scores and we placed 10th overall!

By Daina



NSWPSSA Boys Cricket Championships

Jed travelled to Maitland to play for the North Coast team at the NSWPSSA Cricket Championship held from February 25 to 28. North Coast's first game was against Western at Lorn Park. Western batted first and were all out for 138 runs. Jed opened the bowling and finished with 2 wickets. It was an incredibly tense game with North Coast just getting the win, finishing their innings at 9 for 139. Jed chipped in with 17 valuable runs. A great first up victory!

North Coast then played Sydney North, who would eventually finish runners-up in the tournament, at Maitland Park. North Coast batted first and it was hard going. Jed missed out on the runs and so too did most of the team with NC bowled out for a total of 65 runs. In reply, Sydney North reached the target with the loss of four wickets. Jed bowled three overs and finished with figures of 0 – 9.

Day 3 saw North Coast take on Sydney East at Maitland Park. North Coast bowled first and Jed opened the bowling again, taking 1 for 24 off 7 overs. Sydney East finished their innings at 10/136. This was another close game and the North Coast boys fell just short of the target, all out for 128 runs. Jed chipped in with 7 runs.

On the final day, North Coast took on CIS Invitational at Maitland Park. Jed bowled six tidy overs for just 22 runs and CIS were restricted to 7/123. It was game on and the North Coast boys were good enough to reach the target with the loss of 6 wickets, with Jed scoring 11 runs.

At the conclusion of the tournament, North Coast finished 7th out of 14 teams which was a magnificent result. Congratulations Jed, on your outstanding achievements in cricket so far this year.



Clarence Rugby League Trial Results

The Clarence Rugby League trials were held at Frank McGuren Field on Monday 3 March. Students participated in either the U11s or Opens trial. Westlawn was represented by Lennox, Lewis and Leyton in the U11s age group and by Jed, Kye, Nash, Hollie, Makella, Anabel, Leo, Harry and Archie in the Opens division.

Congratulations to Lennox, Lewis, Leyton, Jed, Kye and Nash who gained selection in their respective Clarence team. The MNC trials are will now be held on Monday 24 March in Coffs Harbour.



MNC AFL Trial

Jack and Malaki travelled to Woolgoolga on Tuesday 5 March to trial for selection in the MNC AFL side. The boys participated in a skills and drills session before playing a game. Congratulations to both boys on their selection. Jack and Malaki will next be in action for the MNC team at the North Coast trial in Woolgoolga on Friday 4 April. We wish them the best of luck.



Community Sport for Years 3 to 6

Community Sport for primary students will continue this week. Thank you to the families and students who are remembering their sport money each Thursday.

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.

Upcoming Events

Westlawn PS Cross Country Carnival

Dust the joggers off and start training for our upcoming cross country carnival!!! This event will be held at school on Thursday 3 April. Parents are invited to come along and cheer the students on.

Event Times, Age Groups and Distances are:

9.20am 8/9/10 year girls and boys course orientation/walk

9:45am 8/9 year boys 2km race (2 laps of the course)
10.10am 8/9 year girls 2km race
10.35am 10 year boys 2 km race
10.50am 10 year girls 2km race

11.45am 11/12 year old girls and boys course orientation

12:10pm 11 year boys 3km race (3 laps of the course)
12:35pm 11 year girls 3km race
1:00pm 12/13 year boys 3km race
1:25pm 12/13 year girls 3km race

What to wear/bring

Students will wear their WPS sport uniform, appropriate shoes for running, bring plenty of water, recess and lunch as normal. Students may wear their school hat during their run or apply sunscreen. 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.

Please note, students in Year 2 who are turning 8 this year will be competing on the day.

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
	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 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 @ Coffs Harbour Girls cricket v SGPS
10 April	31	1 Clarence Netball Trial @ Westlawn PS	2	3 Westlawn PS Cross Country Carnival	4 WPS Community Sport NC B & G – AFL @ Woolgoolga
11 April	7	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

CLARENCE VALLEY YOUTH WEEK 9 APRIL TO 17 APRIL 2025

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE!

WED 9 APRIL - 10AM-2PM
INTERSCHOOLS TOUCH GALA DAY - HIGH SCHOOL
 JJ LAWRENCE PARK, 5TH GRADE

WED 9 APRIL - 3.30PM-5PM
OUT OF THE BOX SESSION
 WHERRETT PARK, MACLEAN

THU 10 APRIL - 10AM-2PM
INTERSCHOOLS TOUCH GALA DAY - PRIMARY SCHOOL
 JJ LAWRENCE PARK, 5TH GRADE

FRI 11 APRIL - 3.30PM-6.30PM
SCHOOLS OUT POOL PARTY
 CLARENCE REGIONAL AQUATIC CENTRE, GRAFTON

FRI 11 APRIL - 3.30PM-5PM
OUT OF THE BOX SESSION
 YAMBA SKATE PARK

SAT 12 APRIL - 10PM-5PM
CANE HARVEST FESTIVAL YOUTH MARKET
 CAMERON PARK, MACLEAN

SUN 13 APRIL - 7.30AM-10.30AM
YOUTH RUN FOR MENTAL HEALTH
 MEMORIAL PARK, GRAFTON

MON 14 APRIL - 10AM-2.30PM
BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
 JJ LAWRENCE PARK, 5TH GRADE

MON 14 APRIL - 2PM-4PM
GRAFFITI ART WORKSHOP
 LAWRENCE MEMORIAL PARK, LAWRENCE

MON 14 APRIL - 5.30PM-7.30PM
ACON SALON READING (8+ EVENT)
 GRAFTON LIBRARY

TUE 15 APRIL - 9AM-12PM
COLOUR FUN RUN
 WHERRETT PARK, MACLEAN

TUE 15 APRIL - 2PM-4PM
GRAFFITI ART WORKSHOP
 ILUKA SKATE PARK

WED 16 APRIL - 11AM-3PM
SKATE COMPETITION & ART IN THE PARK
 YAMBA SKATE PARK

WED 16 APRIL - 3.30PM-5PM
OUT OF THE BOX SESSION
 WHERRETT PARK, MACLEAN

WED 16 APRIL - 3PM-5PM
LASER SKIRMISH
 SHANNON PARK, GLENREAGH

THU 17 APRIL - 10AM-3PM
PCYC OPEN DAY & FITNESS EVENT
 PCYC GRAFTON

THU 17 APRIL - 3PM-5PM
LASER SKIRMISH
 NIP WELSH PARK, MINNIE WATER

THU 17 APRIL - 5PM-8PM
LIVE 'N' LOUD AT THE LIBRARY
 GRAFTON LIBRARY

ALL YOUTH WEEK EVENTS ARE DRUG, ALCOHOL AND VIOLENCE FREE. UNDER 12'S MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT. BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL. PLEASE CONTACT ALLIRA 0420 420 908 FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO MAKE A BOOKING.

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Clarence Regional Aquatic Centre Grand Opening

Saturday 22 March

- Gates open 8am
- Official opening proceedings from 10am
- Free entry on the day
- BBQ lunch and canteen facilities available.

Location: 72 Turf Street, Grafton.

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NSW Department of Education Calendar 2025 Eastern division

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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

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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