



Westlawn Public School

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Newsletter: Term 2 Week 10

Principal's Message:

As the first semester draws to a close, we look back at the beginning of the year and see how far we have come and the opportunities and accomplishments that have enriched students' education.

This month we have had Multi Cultural Public Speaking, Spelling Bee's Touch Football and Rugby League. It is wonderful to see students participating in a range of activities and being successful at their chosen endeavour.

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 for all the knowledge you share with our students.

Report Cards

Report cards will be sent home Wednesday this week. 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.

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, "Next Generation: Strength, Vision and Legacy", focuses on honouring Indigenous voices, culture and resilience, while also looking forward to the future and the contributions of the next generation. Our students will participate in these activities in weeks 9 and 10.

Cassia St Gate Pick Up

From the beginning of Term 3, the gates on Cassia Street will no longer be open for parents and carers to collect students in the afternoons. To ensure the safety of all students, the Cassia Street gates will be used for bus departures only.

Alternative collection areas are available at the Hoof Street or North Street gates for afternoon pick-up.

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us keep our students safe.

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 22, Monday July 21 is a Student Free Day.

Trent Patterson

Principal

PBL End of Term Rewards Sessions

In Week 10, students who have followed our school's Positive Behaviour for Learning expectations will be enjoying end of term rewards activities.

This will take place on Wednesday 2nd July for Primary classes Year 3-6.

Infant's classes K-2 will have their reward session on Thursday 3rd July in the afternoon.

Students will wear normal uniform and will have a chance to win prizes during BINGO and colouring activities

We are looking forward to having some fun sessions!



Sporting News

NSWPSSA Rugby League Championships – By Jed

During Week 8 my Dad and I travelled to Liverpool and I played for North Coast at the NSW PSSA Championships for the league team. On the first day we played Polding and we lost, the score 34 to 0.

This was our worst game. Then we played five more games, over the next 2 days, and we were unlucky not to win 2 of them. We held the top team Sydney South West to a draw.

Highlights for me was I scored a try and I had 3 try assists.

The other teams had some really big lads that were hard to tackle and they were the speedy kids that would run around us. I enjoyed my time down there and had fun and want to thank my mum and dad for helping me get there



NC Boys Rugby Union Trial Result

Jed and Claye played for the Mid North Coast at the North Coast rugby union trial in Grafton on June 25. MNC played three games on the day, winning two and losing one. After the matches, the selectors settled on their team with both Jed and Claye named as shadow reserves. Congratulations on your achievements so far in rugby union, boys.

NC Touch Footy Trial

Best of luck to Hollie, Makella and Jed when they play for their MNC team at the North Coast touch footy trials tomorrow in Coffs Harbour.

Westlawn PS Athletics Carnival Results

Our annual athletics carnival was held at Terry West Oval last Thursday. The sun was out but a headwind down the 100m straight made it hard going in the sprint races.

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 - Alice

Junior Boy - Hudson

11yr Girl - Maya

11yr Boy - Damon

Senior Girl - Makella

Senior Boy - Jed



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 – Mrs Youngman, Mrs H Wright, Mrs B Kelly and Mrs R White for the food and service they offered to parents, family members, staff and students.

Thanks to Mr Masson 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 1 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 have taken a permission note home last Thursday. Please note, the Clarence 1500m and discus events take place on Wednesday 30 July also at Terry West Oval. There is a separate permission note for students involved in these events.

Holiday League Stars Clinic in Grafton

Please see the flyer below for information about the NRL Development Team's upcoming League Stars Holiday Clinic in Grafton.



PLAY LEAGUE STARS:

WHEN: 9/7/2025 - 9/7/2025
TIME: Wednesday 10.00am - 12.30pm
WHERE: Frank McGuren Field Grafton
Ages: 5-12 yrs **Cost:** \$59 Includes Pack
Register at playnrl.com

 **LEAGUE STARS**



 **Grafton High School**

**YEAR 6 INTO YEAR 7
PARENT/CARER INFORMATION EVENING**

6pm Tuesday 5 August 2025
at Grafton High School
Multi-Purpose Centre (MPC)
(enter via Fry Street)

*Grafton High School invites all prospective students
entering Year 7 in 2026 and their families
to attend our information evening*

**STUDENTS
RETURN FOR
TERM 3 ON
TUESDAY 22ND
JULY**

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WESTLAWN PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C NRL JERSEY RAFFLE

We're running **5 individual raffles** - each for an **official signed NRL jersey!** - Cronulla Sharks, Melbourne Storm, Dolphins, South Sydney Rabbitohs, or your choice of a St George Illawarra Dragons Home or Away jersey!

All proceeds go towards covering the cost of a defibrillator at Westlawn Public School.

Tickets are:
1 for \$2
3 for \$5
5 for \$7
10 for \$10

2024 Signed Cronulla Sharks Jersey



2024 Melbourne Storm Jersey signed by Grand Final team



2025 Signed Dolphins Jersey



2024 South Sydney Rabbitohs Jersey signed by 2025 team



2024 Signed St George Dragons Jersey - Your choice of Home or Away Jersey



Each raffle will be drawn on **Friday, 5 September 2025**.
For more information or any issues, please contact us:
pandc@westlawnpso.nmimicrosoft.com

Otitis Media Awareness Day

**JULY 31, 2025
10AM-5PM**
Grafton Shoppingworld



FREE services on the day include:

- Ear health checks for children.
- Information on Otitis Media (middle ear infections).
- Resource packs.

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





TERM 2 CALENDAR

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 April/ May	28 School Development Day	29 School Development Day	30 Students Return	1	2
2 May	5 PSSA Tennis (cancelled)	6 Girls Cricket v SGPS (postponed)	7 MNC - Netball Trials	8 Mother's Day Stall PSSA Tennis	9 Clarence Cross Country Carnival @ Barnier Park
PSSA Tennis @ Bathurst					
3 May	12 PSSA Touch Football knockout (postponed)	13 Soccer v SGPS (postponed)	14 Close the Gap Day	15	16 Clarence BOYS Rugby Union trial
4 May	19	20	21	22 MNC Cross Country @ Nana Glen-postponed	23 Clarence B&G Soccer Trials
PSSA Boys/Girls Hockey @ Newcastle (H)					
5 May/ June	26	27 Soccer v SGPS	28 NC - Netball @ Woolgoolga	29 MNC B&G - Touch Trials	30
6 June	2	3 Eisteddfod Compass Music Festival Camp Quality Puppets Program	4 Eisteddfod	5 Girls PSSA Touch Footy	6 Debating
			PSSA AFL @ (NW)		
7 June	9 King's Birthday Public Holiday	10	11 MNC B&G – Football/Soccer MNC Boys Rugby Union Trial at Tyalla PS	12 Netball Gala Day	13 Infants Fun Day NC – PSSA/CHS Cross Country @ Woolgoolga NOT Nana Glen
8 June	16	17	18 SRC FUNDRAISER	19	20
PSSA Boys 12s Rugby League @ Hoxton Park (SSW)					
9 June	23 Multicultural Public Speaking	24 Stage 1 PCYC Excursion	25 NC B - Rugby Union Trials @ Grafton Premier Spelling Bee	26 Westlawn PS Athletics Carnival	27 Rugby League Gala Day Kinder PCYC Excursion
10 July	30 NC B&G – Football/Soccer Trials @ Coffs Harbour	1 NAIDOC Games Year 5@SGHS - CANCELLED	2 NC B&G - Touch Trials @ Coffs Harbour PBL Rewards Day	3 Debating	4 Special Awards Assembly End of Term
School Holidays	7	8	9	10	11
School Holidays	14	15	16	17	18

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

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



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