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Newsletter: Term 2 Week 8

Principal's Message:

Infants Fun Day

Friday June 13 was the Infants Funday. Thankfully it was a beautiful day enjoyed by all. A big thankyou to Mr Giggins and the infant teachers for organising such an enjoyable day.



Athletics Carnival

Students are currently practicing and preparing for the athletics carnival on June 26. All students will participate in field events at school with the top qualifiers competing in the field events on the athletics day for placings and zone qualification. All field events are from 10years up.

NAIDOC Week

Our school will have NAIDOC Week activities in the last week of term beginning June 30. Please keep an eye on Facebook and School Bytes for events details.

Public Speaking

Good luck to our primary students with their public speaking events over the next couple of weeks. We have students participating in Multicultural Public Speaking, Debating and Premiers spelling bee and we wish them all the best.

Positive Attendance

We are proud to recognise our students for their commitment to attending school regularly. Consistent attendance not only boosts academic performance but also helps build lasting friendships. Let's continue to encourage our children to come to school ready to learn and grow.

Working with Parents

This term, you will notice new posters around the school that aim to help support a safe and respectful culture at our school. These posters are part of an initiative to remind everybody to treat our hard-working school staff with kindness and respect. Every school community around the state is very different. While most schools are respectful and harmonious, violence and unsafe behaviour in any form is not acceptable in schools. School staff and students have the right to learn and work in safe and respectful learning environments.

We value our partnerships with you to support our students to learn, grow, and belong. It is up to us – the school and the parent-body - to be good respectful role models to our students. Together, we can create a safe and harmonious environment for our students and staff.

Trent Patterson
Principal

School photos

Photos can now be viewed and orders placed online for special photos eg School leaders, House Captains, Band, SRC, Library Monitors. Please see brochure attached for ordering codes and procedures.

Sporting News

Netball

The girl's netball team played like little champions at the PSSA Gala day knockout last week. Their first game was won convincingly by more than 20 points, against Maclean Public School. With smart attacking skills, and the ball fed well into the circle, our shooters were able to receive the ball and add to the score board with style and accuracy. WPS defenders won a lot of ball through intercepts and rebounds which also helped add to our tally.

Unfortunately, the girls were knocked out in the second round against South Grafton Public school. It was a well-played match with strong defence and smart attacking skills, but it wasn't our day. We slipped behind by 2 points early in the game and just couldn't catch those 2 points back up!
Well done to all the girls involved. It was a great display of skill, passion and sportsmanship. All should be proud of their efforts today.

North Coast Girls Hockey

In Week 4 we travelled to Newcastle to play in the PSSA State Hockey carnival representing the North Coast. On Monday, the weather was terrible, and some games were cancelled. We also lost our team goalie because they were injured and couldn't come. We were lucky that our games were still on. Our first game was against Sydney South West and we won 1-0. In our second game Daina was our team captain, and we played Sydney East, we lost 2-0 and Sydney East became the eventual winners of the competition. On Tuesday we played Western and won 1-0 and then Riverina won 3-0. Kaitlyn scored one goal. On Wednesday we played CIS

losing 2-1. It was a very close match with CIS scoring the winning goal in the final minute. Then we played Hunter Blue and won 2-0.

We finished 3rd in our pool, just missing out on the finals and on Thursday we played Polding in the playoffs, losing in a very close match 1-0. Kaitlyn played awesome as goalie. She also played right back and mid during the week. Daina played centre mid and freeman and pushed out on short corners. We ended up coming 6th overall which was an improvement from last year. We had a great time with our team and Mrs Buckley, our coach.

By Kaitlyn and Daina



NSWPSSA AFL Championships

Malaki travelled to Sydney recently to play for the North Coast AFL team at the NSWPSSA AFL Championships. NC played Polding in the first game of day one and Polding proved a bit too strong winning by 25 points. However, NC bounced back hard with a huge 77 point victory over North West. Malaki kicked a goal in this game.

Day two began well with NC beating Sydney South West by 81 points! Malaki contributed with quite a few 'behinds'. The second game for the day was against Sydney West and this was an absolute nail biter. NC led by 26 points going into the last quarter, but SW got on a roll and spoiled a lot of the NC play. NC led by 5 points going into the final few seconds of the game before SW kicked a goal on the buzzer to beat NC 27 to 26.

The final game was against traditional rivals South Coast. The two side always play for the 'Surfboard' trophy. NC led 12 nil after the first quarter but fell away a little to lose 45 to 27.

Malaki had a great week playing with the North Coast team and mixing it with the best AFL talent in the state. He also said that he thoroughly enjoyed the Crispy Creme donuts he was able to eat while he was there!!!



MNC Boys and Girls Soccer Trial Result

Keira, Neave, Levi H, Sam, Axel, Nash and Jack played for their respective Clarence teams at the Mid North Coast trials last Wednesday. The event was held on the Coffs Harbour synthetic pitches at Leisure Park, and it was a new experience for most of the students. The Clarence teams played three games each and the competition was high class. Unfortunately, our students missed selection, but they held their own against the best players from the MNC. Well done to you all.

MNC Boys Rugby Union Trial Result

Jed, Nash, Leo, Harry, Knox and Claye trialled for selection into the Mid North Coast rugby union team last Wednesday in Coffs Harbour. The boys were put through some drills and skills before they played two games. Congratulations to Jed and Claye who were selected for the MNC team. They will now play at the North Coast trial in Grafton on June 25.

North Coast Cross Country Result

Makella, Jacob and Hudson made their way to Woolgoolga last Friday to line up in their race at the NC Cross Country Championships. Competitors needed to finish in the first six to qualify for the NSWPSSA Cross Country Championships.

The competition was definitely elite with only 24 runners in each race. Not only that, the speed at which the runners began and were able to maintain over their race distance was quite unbelievable. Each of our runners should be extremely proud of their results. Jacob finished 9th and Hudson finished 14th in the 10 years boys 2km race and Makella fought hard to cross the finish line in 14th position in the 12/13 years.

Incredible results all round! Well done to you Jacob, Hudson and Makella for your success in cross country running this year.

Westlawn PS Athletics Carnival

The **WPS Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 26 June** at Terry West Athletics Field, Junction Hill. As this is an allocated school day, attendance at the carnival is expected. If the grounds are closed that day or weather forces the postponement of the event, the backup date will be Tuesday 1 July.

A bus will leave Westlawn School at 8.50 am for children who arrive at school by bus to link up with the rest of the school at Junction Hill. The same bus will take children back to school at approximately 2.30pm. There is no cost for bus travel. **Parents can indicate their child's mode of transport on the School Bytes permission note.**

Students travelling by private transport may arrive at the ground from 8:50 am. The carnival will commence once students have arrived at the ground via bus transport from school. If you are picking your child up from the carnival please be at the oval before 2:20 pm, otherwise they will catch the bus back to school.

As with all sports days, the children are encouraged to take part in as many activities as possible. The 100m age races and 800m events are open to all. Novelty relays/events will operate to enable more children to participate on the day. Family members are invited to have a day out and cheer on the children.

There is no seating at Terry West Athletics Field, so parents who are attending will need to bring their own. Children are to bring their own food and water or purchase from the canteen.

Students are encouraged to wear their House colours. Please note, parents are not required to put themselves to any expense in providing the house colours. Close enough is good enough. Students also have the option to wear the WPS sport uniform if they wish. There is a Department directive that **shoes must be worn in all events**. No spikes are to be worn in the 800m.

HOUSE COLOURS

JUPITER - RED
MERCURY - YELLOW
NEPTUNE - BLUE
SATURN - GREEN

Please remember to ensure that your children have a hat, sunscreen and a jumper or tracksuit in case it turns cool. Students who suffer from asthma should follow their asthma management plan on this day.

Children need a note to go home with other parents.

Students who finish in the first three in track events and first two in field events will be handed a permission note to progress to the Clarence Athletics Carnival to be held at the same venue on Friday 1 August 2025 (T3 W2).

WESTLAWN PS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2025 PROGRAM

(Please note the event times listed below are approximate only)

8:00am	Discus (only for students who have nominated for the event)		
8:50am	OFFICIALS MEETING, STUDENTS ARRIVE VIA BUS, CLASS ROLLS, WELCOME.		
9.25 am	800m Finals - No spikes. Age division are: Juniors (8/9/10 yrs), 11 year olds, Seniors (12 & 13 year olds)		
9:55am	200m Heats - Age divisions are: Juniors (8/9/10 yrs), 11 year olds, Seniors (12 & 13 year olds) - The fastest eight runners (timed) from the 200m heats will progress to the finals.		
10.25 am	FIELD EVENTS - Rotation 1		
	LONG JUMP	11 YRS GIRLS	11YRS BOYS
	SHOT PUT	SNR GIRLS	SNR BOYS
	HIGH JUMP	JNR GIRLS	JNR BOYS
	JNR BOYS NOVELTY RELAYS DURING FIELD ROTATION 1		
11:05a m	100m Heats - Age divisions are 8yrs, 9yrs, 10yrs, 11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs. - The fastest eight runners (timed) from the 100m heats will progress to the finals.		
11:45 am	FIELD EVENTS - Rotation 2		
	LONG JUMP	SNR GIRLS	SNR BOYS
	SHOT PUT	JNR GIRLS	JNR BOYS
	HIGH JUMP	11YR GIRLS	11 YR BOYS
	JNR GIRLS NOVELTY RELAYS DURING FIELD ROTATION 2		
12:25 pm	100m Finals - Age divisions are 8yrs, 9yrs, 10yrs, 11yrs, 12yrs, 13yrs.		
12:55 pm	FIELD EVENTS - Rotation 3		
	LONG JUMP	JNR GIRLS	JNR BOYS
	SHOT PUT	11YR GIRLS	11 YR BOYS
	HIGH JUMP	SNR GIRLS	SNR BOYS
	11YR & SNR BOYS/GIRLS NOVELTY RELAYS DURING FIELD ROTATION 3		
1:35 pm	200m Finals - Age divisions are: Juniors (8/9/10 yrs), 11 year olds, Seniors (12 & 13 year olds)		
2:05 pm	RELAYS 4 X 100m (Time permitting) Age divisions are: Juniors (8/9/10 yrs) and Seniors (11/12/13 yrs)		
2:30 pm	END OF CARNIVAL Champion trophies to be presented at school next week.		

Progressing to Clarence District Athletics

Students who finish in the first 3 in track event finals and first 2 in field events will progress to the Clarence Athletics Carnival to be held at Terry West Oval on Friday 1 August. Relay teams at this carnival will include the fastest four 100m runners in the available categories (ie jnr and snr boys and girls relays). Clarence Discus and 1500m events will be held on Wednesday 30 July at Terry West Oval. 1500m runners are determined from WPS cross country and 800m results.

SRC FUNDRAISER

WEDNESDAY,
18TH JUNE!



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DONATION.

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Blues or QLD Maroons. Wear your
teams colours and help the SRC



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Ronald McDonald
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Let's all rally together with the
SRC to raise vital funds for the
Ronald McDonald House! 🏈🏈



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sun-safe clothing
(shoulders covered) and
enclosed shoes. ☀️👟



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**Is your child
absent from
school?**

**How to explain
the absence**



When you receive an email notification from the office, you can follow the link to get to the [Parent Portal](#)



Once you are in the Parent Portal, under the "unexplained absences" section, click on the "respond" button

Respond



You can also go straight to the Parent Portal App. You'll be able to complete the steps above quicker



If you prefer to hand write a note, you can send it with your child to give to the teacher



You can call the Westlawn office on 66427466 between the hours of 9am - 3pm and explain the absence over the phone

KINDERGARTEN 2026

ENROLLING NOW



**Free
SCHOOL
Holiday Fun!**



Mini MasterChef's

MON 7TH - SAT 12TH JULY

LOCATED OUTSIDE WOOLWORTHS

4 SESSIONS DAILY

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!

Get ready for some serious culinary fun at Mini MasterChef's, where kids can unleash their inner chef talents, create their own pizzas, and decorate their own chef hats to take home!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK



Sand Art

MON 14TH - SAT 19TH JULY

LOCATED OPPOSITE CONNOR

10AM - 1PM DAILY

Unleash your inner artist and explore the vibrant world of sand art.

*No bookings, just turn up and create beautiful art to take home.



Avoid using screen time as a quick fix!

Screen use can rewire your child's brain making it harder to manage their emotions.



Set limits now!

- ✓ 9-11 hours sleep
- ✓ Time with friends & family
- ✓ Screen free play



For tips:
raisingchildren.net.au



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	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 Back up Westlawn PS Athletics Carnival NAIDOC Games Year 5@SGHS	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



Scan me for key dates

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