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Newsletter: Term 3 Week 10

Principal's Message:

Thank you to all the community members who supported our Spring Fair on Friday. I must acknowledge the tremendous behaviour of our students, the dedication of our teachers and the tireless work of our P&C. A big thank you to the P&C for the support you provide to the students and staff at Westlawn.

Green Level Rewards

As part of our Positive Behaviour for Learning we will have Green Level Rewards day on Thursday. This rewards day students have the option of bringing their wheels to school. I am sure it will be an enjoyable day.

School Attendance

School is the best place for students to learn as well as to build social connections and life-long skills. Students should be at school every day during the school terms, until the end of term, unless they are sick or are absent for a justified reason.

Consistently going to school has countless benefits – from learning, to creating social connections and improving wellbeing through access to support and quality education.

Our staff are here to support you and your child to come to school every day. If you have any concerns or questions please talk to me, the front office staff or your class teacher.

Thank you for working with us to support regular attendance.

We look forward to a successful and enjoyable end of term.

Kick Start to Kindy 2026

Our Kindergarten orientation program is beginning on Tuesday, October 14 and will be run every Tuesday until 18th November 2025. Students starting kindergarten in 2026 and their parents are invited to attend. Each session will commence at 9.00am and finish at 12pm. Students will be involved in range of learning activities in our kinder classrooms each week and will have the opportunity to meet a number of Westlawn staff throughout the program. We are looking forward to meeting all our new students and their parents later in the term.



Westlawn as Part of the Community

Westlawn Public School is part of a community, and we have neighbours which 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.

Before and After School

The school bell goes and 8:25am students should not be at school before this time as there is no supervision. The afternoon bell goes at 2:55pm and students are required to be collected in a reasonable time. There is no supervision after school and alternative arrangements need to be made if you cannot collect your child at bell time. This is for the safety of your children.

Term 4

I wish everyone an enjoyable and relaxing break and look forward to all students returning on Tuesday October 14.

Trent Patterson
Principal

PBL REWARDS DAY SESSION TIMES

Reward session times are:

- **Infants (K-2):** 9:50–10:55am
- **Stage 2 (Years 3&4):** 12:20–1:30pm
- **Stage 3 (Years 5&6):** 1:50–2:55pm



School Fair Raffle Winners

Thank you to everyone who supported the School Fair raffle and bought tickets.

Congratulations to the following prize winners :-

1st Prize - Henry 5/6A - Family Big Bunch of Fun Pass at the Big Banana

2nd Prize - Myles 2W - Book Warehouse voucher and choice of a book.

3rd Prize - Tahley KA - Vines Cafe voucher

4th Prize - Robyn Weate - Kaisercraft gift bundle

5th Prize - Jace 1H - Saraton Movie voucher

Lolly Jar Guessing Competition - While no one guessed the exact number of 127 lollies, Alana Brown was the closest guess with 126.

North Coast Athletics

Congratulations to Hudson and to our junior girls relay team for qualifying to represent Westlawn PS and the North Coast at the upcoming NSWPSA State Athletics Championships. Competitors needed to finish in the first three to advance to the state carnival.

Hudson continued his blistering form finishing 2nd in the 10 years boys 100m in a time of 14.32s and 3rd in the junior boys 200m with a time of 31.81s. Our junior girls relay team of Piper, Alice, Lola and Gracie ran a super race to finish 3rd place in their final in 1.05.21.

Fantastic results on the day were also recorded by our junior boys relay team of Ashton, Hudson, Knox and Brodie finishing 4th in the final in 1.01.14, just missing state qualification. Maya finished 6th in 11years girls 100m after an extremely close finish with only 0.4 of one second separating the first six runners. Maya's time was 14.84s. She also finished 12th in long jump with 3.50m. Landen grabbed 7th in the junior boys discus throwing 20.18m. Jacob finished 9th in the junior boys 800m in 2.54.84 and 10th in the junior boys 1500m in 5.51.45. Our senior girls relay team of Ashlynn, Maya, Makella, and Hollie finished 7th in their heat in 1.01.10.



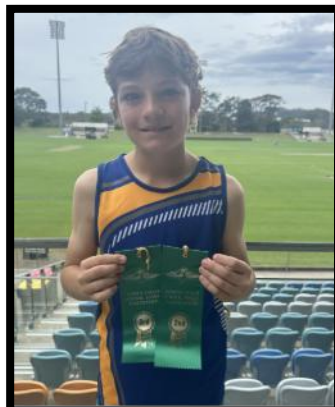
Junior Girls Relay



Senior Girls Relay



Junior Boys Relay



Hudson



Jacob and Landen

Hockey

On Wednesday 10th September, the WPS hockey team travelled to Port Macquarie to play in the Quarter Final of the PSSA Knockout competition. Unfortunately, we were defeated 7-1 by Gloucester Public School.

The WPS players showed great sportsmanship, teamwork and enthusiasm in a difficult game. We are the only team to score against a very strong team boasting 8 Hunter representative players. Great passing by Daina and Leyton led to a free hit for WPS, with Daina's quick thinking she was able to get a clean ball



through to our striker, Jack in the perfect position and with his amazing hand eye coordination was able to slap the ball straight into the back of the goal.

Our team all worked very hard in defence led by our fearless goalie, Harry who in his first year of hockey has proven to be an asset to WPS hockey. Eli, Hunter, Indi and Jack worked harder than any defensive team we have seen in a long time. The mids Daina, Levi, Kaitlyn, Emmeline and Leo worked tirelessly on holding possession and strategically getting the ball through to our attackers. Our strikers Sam, Samara and Leyton never gave up, running every ball out and pressuring the defence at every opportunity.

Well done to an amazing team! A huge thank you to all our families who made the trip to Port Macquarie and Jake for umpiring/assistant coaching. We really appreciate your support!
Thanks for your fantastic coaching Mrs Hadley!

NSWPSSA Girls Rugby League Championships

Makella and Hollie travelled to Wyong last week to play for the North Coast Rugby League team at the NSWPSSA Rugby League Championships. Makella played fullback, first receiver and lock. Hollie played some hooker and first receiver. North Coast played five games over two days.

North Coast defeated Hunter by 14 points to 10 and also defeated Western 10 – 8. Sydney South West were a bit too big and strong for North Coast, winning 20 to 0. The game against North West went down to the wire with North Coast just falling short 12 points to 10. The other loss was against South Coast, again in a very close game, 12 points to 10.

Hollie crossed for one try and Makella saved three tries. Both girls thought the standard of play was a very good quality and very quick. In a brush with fame, the North Coast team coach was Rod Wishart's daughter and Rod himself had a hand in helping the team during the event.



Congratulations, Makella and Hollie, on your fabulous achievements in rugby league this year!

FUN AT THE FAIR



TERM 3 CALENDAR

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 July	21 School Development Day	22 Students Return	23	24	25
			PSSA CROSS COUNTRY		
2 July /August	28	29 Hockey Knockout WPS V SGPS	30 Clarence Discus/1500m Day	31	1 Clarence Athletics Carnival
3 August	4 Education Week	5 Education Week Shopping world Concert Parent/Teacher Interviews GHS Yr 6 Parent Information Night @GHS 6pm	6 Education Week Parent/Teacher Interviews	7 Education Week – Classroom Visit & Picnic Day Parent/Teacher Interviews	8 Education Week Debating
		PSSA Boys Rugby Union @ Newcastle			
4 August	11 Book Fair	12 Book Fair PSSA Soccer v Corindi	13 Book Fair	14 Book Fair Girls PSSA Touch Football	15 Book Fair Debating North Coast Rugby League
	PSSA Girls Netball @ Coffs Harbour				
5 August	18 Book Fair	19 Book Fair MNC - Athletics @ Coffs Harbour	20 Book Fair Book Character Parade	21 Book Fair	22 Book Fair Doughnuts for Dad orders due
		PSSA Combined Touch @ Mudgee			
6 Aug/Sept	25 Book Fair	26 Crazy Hair and Hat Day Fundraiser GHS SCIENCE TASTER DAY	27 Boys Cricket Touch football Gala Day	28	29 Debating GHS YEAR ADVISOR VISIT
		PSSA B & G Football/Soccer @ Ballina (NC)			
7 September	1	2	3 Girls Cricket v SGPS	4	5 Doughnuts for Dad collection Tennis – Todd Woodbridge & Dudley Jones Cup
8 September	8	9 NC – PSSA Athletics @ Coffs Harbour	10 PSSA Hockey Knockout	11	12
9 September	15	16	17	18	19 School Fair
10 September	22	23 Special Awards Assembly	24	25 PBL REWARDS DAY	26 Term 3 Ends

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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