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Newsletter: Term 3 Week 6

Principal's Message:

Ride For Sick Kids

Today we had Ride for Sick Kids visit Westlawn Public School. This is a group of 26 dedicated cyclists embarking on a journey from Grafton to Newcastle between 26 – 30 August, tirelessly pedalling to raise funds for Ronald McDonald

House Charities Northern NSW. In 2024, 612 families including families from Westlawn Public School were given a home away from home by Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Each student's name was put into the draw for 1 girls' bike and 1 boy's bike. Congratulations to Ella in year 3 and Lennox in year 5 who were winners of the bikes. Some bike safety tips were also handed out with the main point being to put your helmet on correctly because if it is not, it will not work.

Book Week Parade

It was terrific to see the effort and support for our book parade last week. Books are essential and they encourage readers to embark on fantastical journeys, inspiring them to travel through the worlds that books open and allows children to imagine, explore, and create their own adventures.



Whole School Assessments

Our students in Year 3-6 will also be involved in Check-In Assessments beginning this Week. All students will sit online assessments in literacy and numeracy, and Year 6 will complete a writing assessment. These assessments support the identification of students' performance in literacy and numeracy and informs next steps in teaching and learning.

Attendance

Attendance as always remains a focus for Westlawn PS. Attending school every day allows your child to get the most out of their learning and improve their career and life options. Regular school attendance can help expand your child's learning and create positive relationships with their peers. If you require support in getting your child ready and motivated for school, please reach out to us.

2026 Enrolments

Enrolments are now open for students beginning Kindergarten in 2026, and for students transitioning into high school. The Getting ready for school guides (nsw.gov.au) provides details to support you in the enrolment process and transitioning to school.

High School Transition

Year 6 students are quickly moving towards high school and over the remainder of the year they will attend transition days to Grafton and South Grafton High Schools (depending on which high school they will attend). These days play an important role in reducing the stress changing to high school may bring. Transition days allow students to become familiar with their new high school environment, meet new students and meet their new teachers. Please make the most of this opportunity and encourage your child enjoy the experience.

Community

Please be considerate of our neighbours' driveways and front lawns when parking to collect your child/ren from school. We are all part of the same community.

Trent Patterson
Principal

SPORTING NEWS

NSWPSSA Netball Championships

Sadie played for the North Coast netball team at last week's NSWPSSA Netball Championships held in Coffs Harbour. Sadie played wing defence, goal defence and centre. North Coast played 13 games over three days. The team's results were:

- Game 1 - North Coast 17 d North West 10
- Game 2 - Sydney North 27 d North Coast 5
- Game 3 - North Coast 20 d Barrier 9
- Game 4 - Polding 27 d North Coast 9
- Game 5 - Sydney South West 38 d North Coast 13
- Game 6 - Sydney East 32 d North Coast 14
- Game 7 - Western 24 d North Coast 22
- Game 8 - Sydney West 40 d North Coast 12
- Game 9 - Hunter 40 d North Coast 5
- Game 10 - North Coast 22 d Riverina 21
- Game 11 - MacKillop 23 d North Coast 17
- Game 12 - CIS 31 d North Coast 13
- Game 13 – South Coast 17 d North Coast 14

North Coast finished 11th overall. Hunter was the top ranked team at the end of the tournament, going through the round games undefeated.

North Coast Girls Rugby League Trial Result

On Friday 15 August, Makella, Hollie, Zoey and Ashlynn went to Yamba to play in the North Coast girls rugby league trials. Successful players would be chosen in the NC team to go to Wyong and play in the NSWPSA Girls Rugby League Championships.

There were 80 girls at the trial, so we were split into four team. We played four games and we were on different teams. Zoey played 2nd row, Hollie played hooker and centre, Makella played fullback and first receiver and Ashlynn played winger. At the end of the games, Makella and Hollie were picked to represent NC on the 18th and 19th of September. Congratulations to all the girls.

By Makella and Hollie

Girls Touch Footy K/O Result

On Thursday 14th of August, the girls touch team travelled up to Lennox Head to play Southern Cross PS in the quarter final match of the touch footy knockout.

In the first half, Southern Cross were on fire scoring four tries to nil. Westlawn girls needed to dig deep in the second half. At the start of the second half, Makella scored two quick tries – one out wide and one through the middle. Then, Zoey nearly scored a try but it was deemed a knock on at the put down. Soon after, Southern Cross scored two more tries. Unfortunately, that was the final score with Southern Cross winning 6 tries to two.

Thank you to Miss O'Neill for coaching the side this year.

By Makella and Hollie

Mid North Coast Athletics Results

The MNC Athletics Carnival was held at Coffs Harbour on Tuesday 19 August. Unfortunately, the weather was awful, it was wet and it was cold. Extremely tough conditions for competitors. A decision was made to postpone the high jump event due to the very wet and slippery ground. Competitors needed to finish in the first 4 in track events, first 3 in field events and be part of the first 3 relay teams over the line to progress to the North Coast carnival.

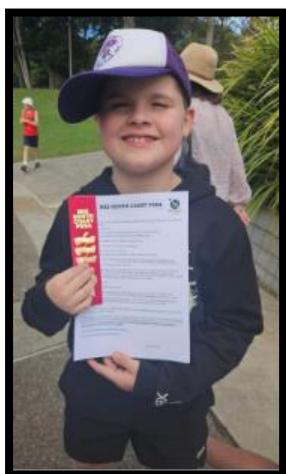
Major individual achievements included Hudson winning the 10 years boys 100m and 200m double, Maya winning the 11yrs girls 100m and finishing 3rd in long jump, Jacob finishing 2nd in the junior boys 1500m and 3rd in the 800m and Landen grabbing 2nd in the junior boys discus.

Westlawn's relay teams were again impressive with the junior boys team of Ashton, Hudson, Knox and Brodie winning in 1:02.45, the senior girls team of Ashlynn, Maya, Makella, and Hollie finishing second in 1:02.35 and the junior girls team of Piper, Alice, Lola and Gracie miraculously securing 3rd place in 1:10.39. Lola and Grace turned what could have been a catastrophe into a triumph after dropping the baton at the last change. Lola had to stop and pick the baton up while Grace turned around to get it from her before taking off like Usain Bolt and powering to the finish line to get her team into the placings! Legends!!!!

Below are the results from the Mid North Coast Athletics Carnival.

Name	Age	Event	Time/Distance/ Height	Placing
Harper	8	100m	18.72s	10th
Alice	9	100m	17.37s	7th
Lainey	9	100m	17.96s	12th
Gracie	10	100m	16.54s	5th
Lola	10	100m	16.87s	6th
Maya	11	100m	15.03s	1st
Daina	11	100m	16.43s	7th
Ashlynn	12	100m	15.30s	6th
Alice	Jnr	200m	36.63s	10th
Lola	Jnr	200m	36.93s	7th
Maya	11	200m	33.99s	5th
Hollie	Snr	200m	33.11s	9th
Ashlynn	Snr	200m	33.90s	10th

Alice	Jnr	800m	3.23.86	6th
Makella	Snr	800m	3.14.62	6th
Alice	Jnr	1500m	6.52.46	5th
Fynlea	11	1500m	6.43.78	9th
Lexi	11	Shot Put	5.98m	12th
Zoey	Snr	Shot Put	5.51m	10th
Gracie	Jnr	Long Jump	2.87m	8th
Maya	11	Long Jump	3.38m	3rd
Makella	Snr	Long Jump	3.27m	5th
Savannah	Jnr	High Jump	1.05m	Postponed
Honey	Snr	High Jump	1.2m	Postponed
Knox	9	100m	16.47s	11th
Hudson	10	100m	14.83s	1st
Brody	10	100m	15.64s	6th
Henry	11	100m	16.24s	14th
Jed	12	100m	15.60s	12th
Hudson	Jnr	200m	31.44s	1st
Brody	Jnr	200m	33.03s	6th
Henry	11	200m	33.46s	7th
Levi	Snr	200m	32.55s	11th
Jacob	Jnr	800m	2.59.18	3rd
Knox	Jnr	800m	3.08.61	9th
Jacob	Jnr	1500m	5.42.30	2nd
Hudson	Jnr	Shot Put	6.95m	7th
Nash	Snr	Shot Put	7.23m	7th
Landen	Jnr	Discus	22.32m	2nd
Damon	11	Discus	15.82m	8th
Hudson	Jnr	Long Jump	3.46m	5th
Malaki	Snr	High Jump	1.26m	postponed



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3 consecutive Thursday
4, 11, 18 September
10am - 12pm

At Livable:
11 Kemp st
Grafton

Livable events are **free** and refreshments are provided.

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1800 289 927 LIVABLE.ORG.AU/EVENTS

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BULLYING

Gain valuable insights on fostering open communication and providing emotional support to safeguard.

**Wednesday
17 September
10am - 12pm**

At Livable:
11 Kemp St.
Grafton NSW

Livable events are **FREE**. Refreshments provided.

This workshop is designed to help you, as a parent or carer, recognise the signs of bullying and equip you with the knowledge and tools to support your child effectively.

It also empowers your child with practical strategies to respond to bullying confidently, so both of you feel informed, supported, and prepared.

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REGOS AUGUST 1ST 2025/26 SEASON

STARTS 20th SEPTEMBER

COME AND TRY
29th AUG & 5th SEPT

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ALL NEW JUNIOR REGOS WILL RECEIVE A \$10 VOUCHER

BIG BASH T20 FORMAT
U10'S - SAT MORNINGS 9AM

U12'S & U17'S - FRI AFTERNOON 4PM

U14'S - THURS AFTERNOON 4PM

WESTLAWN CRICKET CLUB

Find the link to register on our page:
Westlawn Cricket Club

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OCTOBER HOLIDAY FOOTBALL CAMP

Day 1: Sep 30 Day 2: Oct 1 Day 3: Oct 2

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT
12 - 16 YEARS
9AM - 12PM

MINI BALLERS
5 - 11 YEARS
1PM - 4PM

REGISTER



Clarence Football Academy
www.clarencefootballacademy.com.au

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	11	12
9 September	15	16	17	18	19 School Fair
10 September	22	23	24 PBL Rewards Day	25	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

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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