



Westlawn Public School

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Newsletter: Term 3 Week 8

Principal's Message:

School Fair

The P & C will be running several stalls at the 2025 Westlawn Spring Fair including a homewares and craft stall and cake stall. So, if you can spare some time, donate some books, cakes or craft items to sell please get in contact via either: Email pandc@westlawnps.onmicrosoft.com or on our Facebook page. A copy of the volunteer note that was sent home with students is included in this newsletter.

Girls Hockey

We wish the girls Hockey team all the best in their game tomorrow in Port Macquarie.

North Coast Athletics

We wish all our students competing at the North Coast Athletics Carnival in Coffs Harbour today the best of luck.

Attendance

Thank you to all parents who have been responding to the emails and providing a reason for students' absences, this is much appreciated. Our attendance is now above the state average and above similar school groups.

Students are required to attend school every day, whether it's the first or last day of the term, Mondays, Fridays or days dedicated to sports carnivals, school excursions and incursions.

As we look ahead to the remainder of the school year, I'd like to remind our school community that we are here to work with you to support your child to thrive. We know that families experience a variety of challenging circumstances, and we are committed to working with you to address any barriers to regular attendance.

If your child is feeling anxious about coming to school and you need support, please reach out to your child's teacher or to me directly. There are also helpful resources for parents and carers on the NSW Department of Education website.

Smart watches

Smart watches fall into the same category as mobile phone devices. At present students are permitted to wear their smart watch if they are used as a watch only. Any student using it as a mobile phone or playing games will be required to hand it into the office as is required with mobile phones. Thank you for your support and understanding with this matter.



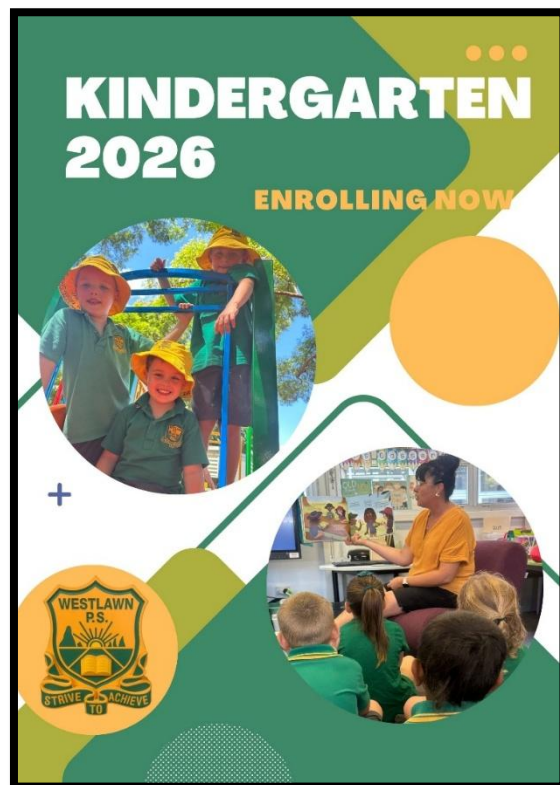
Kick Start to Kindy 2026

Our Kindergarten orientation program is beginning Week 1 Term 4 each Tuesday. Students starting kindergarten in 2026 are invited to attend. Each session involves a range of learning activities in our kinder classrooms; each week students 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 families.

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.

Trent Patterson
Principal



GIRLS CRICKET

Westlawn girls had a wonderful game last Wednesday against South Grafton PS in the girls cricket PSSA knockout. The girls played with wonderful sportsmanship and had lots of fun. Unfortunately, it wasn't our day and South Grafton were able to chase down our score of 91. We wish them all the best in their next game. Thanks for coaching us Mrs Palmer!



SCHOOL SPRING FAIR

WPS Spring Fair is approaching fast. All information regarding the fair and class donations is currently being sent out via School Bytes and email. Please check for regular updates. We are also asking for volunteers to help on the day. Any time you can give would be greatly appreciated.



Friday 19th September 2025
10.00am - 2.00pm

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our **Westlawn School Fair** is only a few weeks away! This major event on the school calendar happens every second year and has always had great support from a large cross section of the school community both past and present. Planning for the day is well underway, and the P&C, students and staff are busily preparing their stalls and activities.

On the day of the fair the P&C are in need of volunteers to help run their stalls. If you are able to help in any way on the day please tick one of the boxes below.

Any and all help is greatly appreciated whether it be an hour or two on a stall or donating items for the cake or craft / homemade stall.

Please help us to make **Westlawn School Fair 2025** the best ever!

Thank you.

PLEASE RETURN BY FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH

To either the school office or email pandc@westlawnps.onmicrosoft.com

YES, I CAN HELP!

- ☐ I can work on a stall for the day at the Fair
- ☐ I can work on a stall for part of the Fair

Please specify either:

- ☐ I am available from _____ to _____
- ☐ I am flexible with my time
- ☐ I can help set up at 7.30am
- ☐ I can help with donations for:
- ☐ Handmade cakes / sweets stall
- ☐ Handmade / craft stall

Volunteer's Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

CLARENCE VALLEY
TOGETHER

THE NEW SCHOOL OF ARTS
NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE INC.

You are invited to a
Community Conversation
Supporting Young Families



About

We've been listening to families and love what we're learning! Our community is ready for more family-friendly spaces, better connections to support groups, and a place where every parent feels welcomed and supported.

Add your voice to families creating positive change in our community.

All welcome!

Join us!

Date: Sat 27th September **Time:** 2.00pm
Location: The Loft Workspace, 137 Prince St, Grafton
AND
Date: Wed 1st October 2025 **Time:** 6.00pm
Location: NSOA Cnr of Spring & Skinner St, South Grafton
 To register or for more information please contact
 Mel: mel@nsqa.org.au or 0473 099 251
Refreshments provided & childcare available by request

FREE INDOOR Skating

MONDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER - SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER

Glide into Grafton shoppingworld these school holidays for two whole weeks of skating fun on our synthetic ice rink.

-  20 MINUTE SESSIONS
-  25 SKATERS PER SESSION
-  *NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED
-  MUST BYO SOCKS
-  SKATERS UNDER 18, MUST HAVE A PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGN A WAIVER PRIOR TO SKATING

TIMES:

MORNING:
10:00AM - 12:30PM

AFTERNOON:
1:30- 4:00PM



FOR MORE DETAILS VISIT GRAFTONSHOPPINGWORLD.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 PSSA Hockey Knockout	11	12
9 September	15	16	17	18	19 School Fair
10 September	22	23 Special Awards Assembly	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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