



Westlawn Public School

Strive to Achieve

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Newsletter: Term 4 Week 4

Principal's Message:

Our school would like to thank Judy Howard for her gracious donation of a clarinet and saxophone to the school's music program. This will enable students to continue to develop as a musician for many years to come or to engage in our music program that otherwise may not get the opportunity.

*Thank
you!*

School Attendance

Our focus for school attendance is to reduce the number of unauthorised absences; this is where we are not notified of a reason for students being absent from school.

There are 2 options to notify the school if your child is absent-

1. Through the School Bytes app by clicking on the absence notification
2. Contacting the school by phone, email or letter.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

World Teachers Day - Friday October 31.

Last week celebrated World Teacher's Day and at WPS we thank our staff for their dedication to bring out the best in every student, not just on World Teacher's Day but every day. Thank you for making our school an amazing place.

Online Bullying

Knowing your child is being bullied online can be distressing. Talk openly with your child about online bullying and help them with strategies they can use if they come across online bullying or are bullied online.

Here are some ways you can help.

- Remind your child not to respond or retaliate.
- Block or delete an online bully.
- Change their privacy settings.
- Keep a record of any incidents of online bullying.
- Contact the service provider. They can help with blocking messages and calls.
- Report the bullying.

Finding opportunities to speak with your child about bullying is important. Contact Kids Helpline for support on 1800551 800.

School Transition

At present we have high school transition and Kindergarten transition days occurring. The purpose of these programs is to allow the students to become familiar with the new setting they will be entering. This plays a valuable role in assisting to reduce the anxiety around the change that is occurring. Please have a conversation with your child as each child will have differing concerns about entering high school or Kindergarten.

Trent Patterson

Principal

Jacaranda Banner

Thank you to all the students, staff and families who came to support our school at the Jacaranda Parade of Youth. It was a well attended event and Kyla spoke clearly and confidently to explain the significance of the features in our school banner. A huge thank you to Grace, Neave, Luca and Kyla along with our Year 1 and 2 students who created this year's banner. Thank you to Mrs Tibbs who supervised & supported our students to create this masterpiece. Well done Westlawn.



NSWPSSA ATHLETICS

In October Hudson, Piper, Alice, Lola and Gracie competed at the NSWPSSA Athletics Championships in Sydney.

Hudson competed in the boys 10years 100m and junior 200m. He did an amazing job finishing 35th in both events. His time for the 100m was 14.67 sec and in the 200m was 30.34sec.

Our junior girls relay team ran an outstanding race, finishing 30th in the state with an incredible time of 1.02.57sec.

Congratulations on a wonderful achievement at this level of competition.



NSW Department of Education

Communicating with our school



WESTLAWN PUBLIC SCHOOL

All contact with our school is to be consistent with the School Community Charter respecting that our staff are primarily engaged with the teaching and caring of our students.

By phone



Urgent matters

Urgent matters require an action or response from staff on the same day, like:

- your student's attendance
- changes to arrangements that need to be communicated to your student
- your student's health and wellbeing.

Non-urgent matters

Including:

- requesting a meeting with our school staff
- requesting information about an upcoming school event
- providing brief information to the school
- raising a concern.

What you can expect

If necessary, you will need to leave a message with our office staff who will identify the best person to respond to your call, if needed. The response will happen by the end of the next school day.

Our school phone number is:

6642 7466

You are welcome to phone our school during school hours 8:30am to 3:30pm

By email



Our school email address is:

westlawn-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

You can email us about non-urgent matters that do not require a same day response, like:

- requesting a meeting with our school staff
- requesting information about an upcoming school event
- providing information to the school such as specialist reports
- raising a concern.

For matters that require an action or response from staff on the same day, please phone the school.

What you can expect

Emails will be:

- read within 3 school days of receipt.
- acknowledged, if required
- assessed to decide what action is needed, including if a response is required
- monitored between Monday to Friday
- during school terms only
- responded to by relevant staff only.

In person



Parents and carers are welcome to meet with our school staff.

- We prefer you phone or email a request, briefly explaining the issues you wish to discuss,
- or if the staff member is available at the end of the school day, have a very brief meeting. Please understand they may have other duties to attend to.

You are welcome to bring a support person or advocate, with prior notice, to be present at any meeting.

What you can expect

Our staff will:

- respond to your request within 3 school days
- discuss with you a mutually agreeable time to meet and agree on what will be discussed
- decide who is best to meet with you.

By message



To respond to an absence

message sent by our school system or advise of a student absence by sending a text message to

use School Bytes

with the following information:

- student name
- grade/class
- date and reason for absence.

What you can expect

Our staff:

- will record your response in the attendance system
- will not reply to text messages.



WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 October	13 School Development Day	14 Students Return Kinder Orientation	15	16	17
2 October	20	21 Kinder Orientation	22 PSSA Athletics	23 Year 3 Camp PSSA Athletics	24 Year 3 Camp GHS Introduction Hot dog orders due
3 October	27	28 Kinder Orientation	29 Hot Dog Day	30 Jacaranda Thursday	31
4 Oct / Nov	3	4 Kinder Orientation GHS half day taster Day	5	6	7
5 November	10	11 Kinder Orientation	12	13	14
6 November	17 Year 5 Camp Lake Ainsworth Year 6 Camp Canberra	18 Year 5 Camp Lake Ainsworth Year 6 Camp Canberra Kinder Orientation & Graduation	19 Year 5 Camp Lake Ainsworth Year 6 Camp Canberra	20 Year 5 Camp Lake Ainsworth Year 6 Camp Canberra	21 Year 5 Camp Lake Ainsworth Year 6 Camp Canberra
7 November	24 Year 2 Intensive Swimming	25 Year 2 Intensive Swimming	26 Year 2 Intensive Swimming	27 Year 2 Intensive Swimming CAPTAINS SPEECHES	28 Year 2 Intensive Swimming 5/6 Basketball Gala Day
8 Nov/Dec	1 Year 2 Intensive Swimming	2 Year 2 Intensive Swimming Combined HS Transition Day	3 Year 2 Intensive Swimming Year 4 Camp Yarrahapinni	4 Year 2 Intensive Swimming Year 4 Camp Yarrahapinni	5 Year 2 Intensive Swimming Year 4 Camp Yarrahapinni
9 December	8	9	10	11 Year 6 Farewell	12
10 December	15 Rewards Day	16 Presentation Day	17 Carols Night	18	19 Term 4 ends

Dates may be subject to change

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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