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Newsletter: Term 4 Week 6

Principal's Message:

We are halfway through a very busy Term 4 and the students have been enjoying a range of activities as the school year draws to an end.

Our Year 6 students are currently in Sydney and making their way to Canberra on their end of year excursion. They enjoyed a night at Taronga Zoo last night and took in some of the sights around Sydney Harbour. Thank you to the staff accompanying the year 6 students on this, Mr Patterson, Mr Andrews, Mrs Revell and Miss Piggott.

Our Year 5 students are also enjoying their excursion to Lake Ainsworth and making the most of the beautiful weather over there. I'm sure they will have a busy week and enjoy all the outdoor activities. Thank you to Miss Eggins, Miss O'Neill, Mr Ogilvy, Mr Weller and Mrs Moloney.

Our Year 4 students will also be heading off on their excursion to Yarrahappini at the end of week 8 and are very excited about the adventures that lay ahead for them while there.

Excursions can only happen with the support of our school community and our school staff who are prepared to organise and give up time to attend, and we are very grateful for this. Thank you to all our staff involved in making sure our students can have these experiences.

Intensive Swimming Year 2

Our Year 2 students will be involved in the Intensive Swimming program during Week 7 and 8. Please ensure you have given permission and made payments on the School bytes app. Remember that all students attending these lessons will need to make their own way to the pool each morning, but will return to school by bus at the completion of lessons.



High School Transition

Our Year 6 students have been enjoying their transition visits to the local high schools over the last few weeks. They have had the opportunity to become familiar with their new learning environments, while meeting staff and students at their new schools. We thank the high schools for the work they

have done to welcome our students in and settle nerves on their next step in their education journey. Thank you to Mrs Moloney who has supported these transitions.

Selective High School and Opportunity Classes

Applications are open for the Selective High School and Opportunity Class entry for 2027. If you child is currently in Year 3 or Year 5 and interested in applying for selection in either of these classes for 2027 the application window is now open and closes February 2026.

For further information on Selective high schools and opportunity classes follow the link below

[Selective high schools and opportunity classes](#)

Kick Start to Kindy

Congratulations to all our Kick Start to Kindy students who have completed kindergarten transition sessions of a Tuesday morning over the last 6 weeks. They have been presented with certificates today to mark their graduation from this program, and we look forward to welcoming them to WPS full time in 2026. Parents also attended the information session today and had many questions regarding beginning school at WPS answered. Thank you to Mrs Salvestro for her organisation of Kick Start to Kindy.

Attendance

Attendance has been a big focus at school this year and we have had positive results in an increase in students attending regularly. As we head into the end of the school year it remains important that your child attends school every single day. Our staff are here to support you and your child to come to school every day. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the school. Thank you for working with us and we look forward to a successful and enjoyable end of the term.

Parking

Parents please be aware of parking at Westlawn. At times the ranger does frequent the school area, so please refrain from parking in the bus zones and disability parking areas.

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

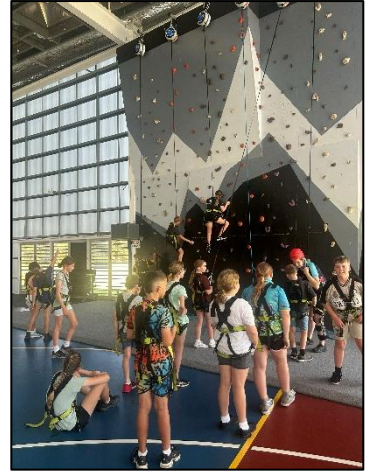
with the following information:

- 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.



Year 5 and 6 Excursions



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

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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