Message from the Principal
Welcome back to Term 4. This term it is important for students to be very focused and to work hard to pull together all that they have learnt throughout the year so that they can achieve their goals for 2013. This is a time for your children to discuss their learning goals with you so that they have a clear focus on the areas which need their utmost attention. Take the time to speak with them about the goals they would like to set. It is amazing what children can achieve in learning when parents help them to maintain their focus on their goals in a positive way.

Baby News
We congratulate Mr Jones and his partner Kyah on the birth of their healthy, beautiful baby girl Lexie. She was born five weeks early but mother and baby are doing well.

Jacaranda Events
Saturday 26 October: Jacaranda Parade of Youth
Our school will be participating in the Grafton Jacaranda Parade of Youth on Saturday 26th October. This is a wonderful opportunity for your children to experience the community spirit of the Jacaranda Festival which is so important to the Grafton community. We hope to have a great turnout of our students, in full school uniform, parading behind our school banner. We invite you to cheer on Westlawn in the parade. Students are asked to assemble at the river end of Prince Street adjacent to the Civic Centre at 9am. Just look for our banner and students in uniform. The parade begins at 9:30am. We ask that students wear our school uniform hat and bring a water bottle.

Thursday 31 October:
Also in support of the Jacaranda Festival, our Year 1 choir will perform in a morning concert with other schools from the Grafton Community of Schools at Market Square. Details will be provided soon.

As stated in the previous Newsletter, due to changes in the way in which local holidays and events are gazetted by the state government and after public consultation conducted through Clarence Valley Council, ‘Jacaranda Thursday’ has been made a half-day local event this year. This means that Westlawn PS will be open for the day on the Thursday of the Jacaranda week. We acknowledge that many students and their families will want to participate in the day’s events. Normal lessons might not operate depending on student numbers in attendance on Jacaranda Thursday, however all students attending school will be fully supervised. School buses will run to their normal school timetables on the day.

P&C Meeting
Please come along to our next P&C Meeting at 6pm on Wednesday 9 October in the old hall. All parents are welcome to attend.

Narelle Twigg
Principal

DIARY DATES

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CAROLS NIGHT
We've begun our final term of the school year and we've done a lot of fundraising and had a lot of fun throughout the year but there is one last event for 2013. The Christmas Carols Night will take place Tuesday, 17 December starting at 6pm. Nights like this don't just happen, if you would like to help organise the night or have some ideas or can help in any way it would be greatly appreciated.

FAMILY IN NEED
One of our Westlawn families had the misfortune of a house fire on the weekend and have lost almost everything. If you would like to help them out in anyway that would be great. Men's clothing size Large, ladies size 12, and boys clothes sizes 7, 10 & 14. Please send donations into school and we will get them to the family as soon as possible. If you have larger items please contact Renee Nilon on 0400 095 816.

CLOTHING POOL
As the Clothing Pool is only open for three half hour sessions a week we realise not everyone can make it to school during those times. If you are unable to get to school during the Clothing Pool hours or school hours please contact the office and an order form will be sent home. Hats and library bags are available from the office at all times.

Clothing Pool Hours 2013
Mondays & Thursdays – 8:30am to 9:00am
Wednesdays – 2:30pm to 3:00pm
Sharyn Ellem – Clothing Pool Co-Ordinator

Dates for the Calendar
P&C General Meeting
Wednesday, 9 October 2013 – 6pm Old Hall
Canteen Meeting
Monday, 11 November 2013 - 2pm Mrs Twigg office
P&C General Meeting
Wednesday, 13 November 2013 – 6pm Old Hall

CANTEEN DEPUTY MANAGER
The position of Canteen Deputy Manager still remains vacant. If you are interested in this role please come along to the P&C General Meeting Wednesday, 9 October at 6pm in the old hall.

If you are interested in helping out in the canteen please contact Davina Green – 0423 741 820.

THE DAILY EXAMINER MARQUEE PROMOTION
The Daily Examiner coupons are flooding in. Please keep collecting the coupons and bring them into school so we can try and win a 3m x 3m Blue Sky Outdoor marquee. We must enter our number of coupons by 31 October.