Message from the Principal

Kindergarten Orientation Days

We are looking forward to our first Kindergarten Orientation Day this Friday 15 November. It is always a delight to welcome these eager young children and their parents into our school. The parents are invited to stay for an Information Meeting in the hall on this first day. The morning finishes at about 10:45 with refreshments provided for parents. Two more visits for the children will follow, on Friday 22nd and 29th November. Letters of invitation with details have been sent to parents who told us of their intention to enrol their child. Please contact the school as a matter of urgency if you have not informed the school of a 2014 Kindergarten enrolment or you have not received the letter.

Year 5 Excursion

We wish Year 5 and their teachers a wonderful week at camp next week at Lake Ainsworth.

Major P&C Raffle

Each year our P&C holds a major raffle to raise much needed funds to purchase equipment and resources for our school. Please support our raffle by selling as many tickets as possible; it is a good time to see if friends, relatives and work associates might buy some. There are great prizes to be won in the raffle:

1\textsuperscript{st} prize: $1000 voucher from Cummings Retravision
2\textsuperscript{nd} prize: Mini eReader
3\textsuperscript{rd} prize: Portable Barbecue
4\textsuperscript{th} prize: $50 book voucher

Each child has taken home a raffle ticket book. There will be incentive prizes for the students who sell the most tickets or significant amounts of tickets. There will be a sausage sizzle for the class that sells the most tickets. If your child is not able to sell the tickets, please return the book to the school so it can be reissued. All tickets need to be accounted for, so all books must be returned whether sold or not. Any child needing extra ticket books can get them from the school office. All tickets need to be returned by Friday 13\textsuperscript{th} December. The raffle will be drawn at Carols by Candlelight on Tuesday 17\textsuperscript{th} December.

Attention: Year 5 Parents - Selective High School Placement

If you would like your child (who is currently in Year 5) to apply for selective high school placement in Year 7 in 2015, you need to do so soon. A note was sent home with all Year 5 students about this opportunity. If you did not receive it, please get a copy from the school office. Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. One strategy is selective high school placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students. We are very fortunate that Grafton High School offers a selective class, being the only one on the North Coast. This is a tremendous opportunity for the most capable students to be academically challenged. Offers for selective high schools placement will be made on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held in March 2014 but you must register by 18\textsuperscript{th} November via online or paper application.

Uniform

Could we please request that girls not wear winter long pants in this warm weather. It is well into Spring and almost Summer. Girls are getting overheated and asking us for spare clothes to change into. As you can imagine this poses a problem because our clothing pool is for emergencies.

Narelle Twigg,  \textit{Principal}
DIARY DATES

TERM 4
Week 6
13 Nov 6pm P&C meeting
14 Nov SRC Mufti Day for Grafton Hospital, gold coin donation. Theme: flouro
15 Nov Kinder Orientation & Parent meeting

Week 7
18 Nov  Intensive Swimming Scheme for Wk 7 and 8 for Y2
18-22 Nov Y5 to Lake Ainsworth
22 Nov Kinder Orientation

Week 8
25-29 Nov Y6 to Canberra
29 Nov  Kinder Orientation

Week 9
4-6 Dec  Y4 to Yarrahappinni
4 Dec  Y6 Orientation Day at Grafton High School

Week 10
9 Dec  2pm Canteen meeting
10 Dec  Presentation Day
11 Dec  Award Assembly
11 Dec  6pm P&C meeting
12 Dec  Parent Helper Afternoon Tea
13 Dec  Primary Ten Pin Bowling
13 Dec  Reports go home

Week 11
16 Dec  Infants Ten Pin Bowling
16 Dec  Year 6 Farewell
17 Dec  Carols Night

Student of the Week – Week 5  Sonny Kilduff 1P and Jessica Walters 4/5P

Direct Deposits
There is a new accounting system about to come on line in schools. During the change-over we will be handwriting receipts and cannot accept any direct deposits. Please do not make any direct deposits after 1 November until further notice.
Aspirations Project Update
Thank you to those parents /carers of our Year 4 and Year 6 students who responded to the survey sent out regarding the research project. There is still time to complete the survey by either filling out the paper version that was sent to parents of students in these grades last term or by completing the electronic version using the following link: Parent survey link: http://goo.gl/BHc4q
If you fill out the paper version please return it to school in the sealed envelope provided. Please do not return your survey directly to Newcastle University. Students in Years 4 and 6 have completed the electronic version at school. Remember this project is to try and help identify the influences on young peoples’ education and job goals. Understanding these influences will help schools to support students to reach those goals.

Grafton High School Year 7 2014
If your child intends attending Grafton High School next year please note that 4 December is the Year 6 to Year 7 Orientation day at Grafton High School.

South Grafton High School Year 7 2014
If your child intends attending South Grafton High School next year please note that there is an Orientation day on 19 November from 9am until 3pm. Students stay for the entire day. Parents may attend an information session from 9am to 11am, a guided tour and morning tea (which will be provided to the parents).

Student Banking
This week’s zooper dooper winner is: Marty Gray 1W.

Changes to School Information
Thank you to parents for letting us know of changes to personal details eg new phone numbers, email addresses, etc. When you inform us, especially via email, please also advise your child’s name.
WESTLAWN PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C COMMITTEE
P&C NEWS   Term 4, Week 6 - 2013

CANTEEN NEWS
As it is coming to the end of last term there will be limited stock. At this point the only things that are low are spaghetti bolognaise and spinach and ricotta rolls. There is homemade fried rice and fresh fruit salad and pieces of watermelon.

We have been getting a lot of children handing their orders in late or not at all. This makes it hard for the ladies to give the children what they want as we only heat up what is ordered. Could you please remind your children to hand their order into the canteen as soon as they get to school. If it is not open yet & they have the correct money, the orders can be left in the red box.

We have changed suppliers of our bottled water. Our new supplier is local and money from their sales support our hospital. Bottles are now 600ml instead of 350ml.

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 tomorrow night, Wednesday, 11 November at 6pm in the old hall.

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

MAJOR RAFFLE
Ticket books for this year’s major raffle went home last week and already we have some returned. A huge thank you to those super organised parents.

This year there are some wonderful prizes:

1st - $1,000 gift voucher for Retravision  2nd - mini eReader  3rd - portable BBQ  4th - $50 book voucher.

Please return all tickets, sold or not, by Friday 13th December and will be drawn at the Carols Night, Tuesday 17th December.

CLOTHING POOL NEWS
The Clothing Pool is looking for volunteers to help out on the three Kindy Orientation days.

It will be open 9:00am to 11:00am on Fridays 15th, 22nd and 29th of November.

If you can help out please contact Sharyn Ellem on 0400 699 617.

Clothing Pool Hours 2013
Mondays & Thursdays – 8:30am to 9:00am
Wednesdays – 2:30pm to 3:00pm

Sharyn Ellem – Clothing Pool Co-Ordinator

GREAT NEWS – Westlawn PS won a marquee in the recent Daily Examiner competition. Thank you to everyone for sending in the coupons.

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