Message from the Principal
Thank you to our generous community for donating $600 to the Grafton Base Hospital Children’s Ward. The SRC organised a successful mufti day last week which was enjoyed by our students. I am sure the hospital will appreciate your generosity. Thank you.

The first Kindergarten Orientation morning last Friday saw over 70 excited children make new friends and experience ‘big school’. The teachers said that the children settled in beautifully. It is always a pleasure for me to have the chance to meet new parents and share information about our fabulous school. Westlawn is well recognised as having such a strong school community, and for many parents it is the beginning of their shared journey with us. Two more visits for the children will follow, on Friday 22nd and 29th November. 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.

This is a very busy time of year at Westlawn:
- Our Year 5 students were very excited when they boarded the bus yesterday morning for Lake Ainsworth for the week. Mr Pereira and Ms McKenna will be with the children for the week.
- Year 6 head off for Canberra for the week next Monday with Mrs Anderson and Mr Alford. We wish them all a safe and enjoyable excursion.
- Intensive Swimming has started for Year 2 and will continue next week.
- Teachers are assessing students to see what has been achieved in their learning and are using the information to write the end-of-year reports that go home on 13 December.

Mr Paul Bartlett
Paul Bartlett has been our General Assistant for well over 20 years, keeping our school grounds and gardens looking neat and well presented, repairing things around the school, sharing his tremendous humour, and being an all-round hard working person who loves the school and our students. He is an absolute treasure. Unfortunately he was diagnosed with Leukaemia in April and has had months of treatment in Brisbane. He has fought hard but things have not gone too well. He has returned home. We miss him around the school and we send him our most sincere kind thoughts and best wishes. In your own ways, whatever your beliefs, could you please make a wish or say a prayer for Paul. Paul’s father was the GA at Westlawn for many years before Paul so there is a great history of their contribution to our school.

Major P&C Raffle
Please support our P&C 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:
- 1st prize: $1000 voucher from Cummings Retravision
- 2nd prize: Mini eReader
- 3rd prize: Portable Barbecue
- 4th 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 13th December. The raffle will be drawn at Carols by Candlelight on Tuesday 17th December.
Clarence Science Initiative (CSI)
Each year students from Years 5 and 6 from schools across the Clarence Valley have the opportunity to attend South Grafton High School’s CSI program. In 2014 Westlawn has been successful in having our largest ever group of students selected to be part of this program. Twenty of our students have been chosen to attend: Blake Martin, Jessica Walters, Sophie Gray, Ethan Powell, Bowen Taylor, Byron Maddock, Oliver Westman, Josh Godwin, Lucy Sear, Eleisha Cone, Keegan Pope, Jaimee Thorley, Myles Hambly, Jaz Busch, and continuing students Tim McGregor, Henry White, Joseph Lynch, Cody Makejev, Mason Roe and Eden Annesley. Congratulations to all students, well done!

Speech and Presentation Day
Speech and Presentation Day will be held on Tuesday 10th December at 11:45am. Our parents and community members are most welcome. It will be held in the Infants COLA area as usual, as our hall is unable to hold our school group of almost 500 students plus the hundreds of family members who attend. This important annual event on our school calendar recognises the outstanding achievements of many of our students.

Narelle Twigg
Principal

DIARY DATES
TERM 4
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

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.

Student of the Week – Week 6  Zane Farrell K1B and Emma Firth 4O.

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.

Student Banking
This weeks zooper dooper winners are: Reece McLachlan, Breanna Robertson, Kearna McDonogh-Allen.

*****Please bring in your 10 tokens to claim your rewards before the end of term.
CANTEEN NEWS
Next year the canteen will be looking for more volunteers. If we can't get enough helpers we will be forced to close some days. If you are interested in helping out in the canteen please contact Davina Green – 0423 741 820.

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, 11 December at 6pm in the old hall.

MAJOR RAFFLE
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
Don't forget year 2 students will require a sports uniform for year 3 next year.

The Clothing Pool is looking for volunteers to help out on the remaining two Kindy Orientation days.

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

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

First week back to school in 2014 the clothing pool will be open the following:

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Clothing Pool opening hours back to normal from Monday 3 February, 2014.

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
Kindy Orientation
Fridays, 22nd & 29th November 2013

Return Book Club Orders
Friday, 29 November 2013

Canteen Meeting
Monday, 9 December 2013 - 2pm Mrs Twigg’s office

P&C General Meeting
Wednesday, 11 December 2013 – 6pm Old Hall

Return Raffle Tickets
Friday, 13 December 2013

Carols Night
Tuesday, 17 December 2013 – 6pm

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