Message from the Principal

Paul Bartlett
Last Friday we informed our school community in a supplementary newsletter that we were deeply saddened at the passing of Mr. Paul Bartlett who had been the General Assistant for almost 23 years at Westlawn Public School. He loved this school with a passion and loved working here. Paul had a great sense of humour, a sharp wit, a very strong work ethic and a willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty. Paul’s kind and caring manner towards the students endeared him to so many.

Paul’s funeral will be held this Friday 6 December at Arrawarra Bay at 10am. I will be attending the funeral with a number of teachers and office staff. Some Kindergarten and Year 1 classes will be combined until approximately 1pm on Friday so normal class lessons will not take place in those classrooms. Classes in years 2 to 6 will each have a teacher. The office will only be dealing with prioritised matters. Mrs. Acevedo-White will be relieving Principal for the duration. We thank you for your understanding of the changed arrangements.

Grafton HS Scholarships
Congratulations to the following students who received scholarships to Grafton HS for 2014:

- Isaac Huxley – Scholarship for Academic Performance
- Lachlan Firth – Scholarship for Student Leadership
- Alanis O’Mahony – Scholarship for Student Leadership
- Sophie Osborne – All-Rounder Scholarship

Well done to these fabulous students who epitomise our motto: ‘Strive to Achieve’

Year 4 to Yarrahappinni
We wish Y4 all the best for their trip to Yarrahappinni tomorrow until Friday. Mr. Ogilvy, Mrs. Ward and Mr. Jones will accompany them, thanks to those teachers.

Year 6 in Canberra
Year 6 students had a great time in Canberra. My thanks to Mrs. Anderson and Mr. Alford for taking the children on such a wonderful educational experience.

Kinder Orientation
Our third and final Kindergarten Orientation was held last Friday. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Thanks to the Kinder teachers, teachers aides and office staff for making it run so smoothly. Thanks to Sharyn Ellem who managed the Uniform Shop and was ably assisted by Caryn Dunston, Jo Palmer, Naomi Heyman and Lana Elward. Thanks to Kylie Lavender for catering for the afternoon tea. We look forward to welcoming the new Kinders and their families in 2014.

P&C Raffle
We have been given some great incentive prizes which we will be giving to a K-2 student and a Y3-6 student for the most tickets sold. They will each receive a $75 voucher for Athletes Foot. This is a great reward for those families. We also have book prizes to give out to other children who sell a lot of tickets. Please get behind this raffle to support our P&C in raising funds for resources for our school and students. 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
Neighbourhood Watch
Please keep a very close eye on our school over coming weeks and in the holidays. If you see anyone in the school grounds who should not be there or acting in a suspicious manner, please call the police. Take note of number plates and the appearance of the people (height, hair colour, clothing or any identifiable features). If you have a camera or phone with camera, you might like to take a photo of anything suspicious. We really need our community to keep a very watchful eye on our school please. If you have friends or relatives who live around our school or drive past the school, please let them know too.

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.

Parent Helper Afternoon Tea
We have sent home an invitation to the Parent Helper afternoon tea on Thursday 12 December at 1:30pm in the hall. We hope all those parents who have helped in any way in 2013 can come along so that we can show our appreciation for your support of our school.

Narelle Twigg
Principal

DIARY DATES

TERM 4

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 11:45
11 Dec  Award Assembly at 1pm
11 Dec  6pm P&C meeting
12 Dec  Parent Helper Afternoon Tea at 1:25pm in the hall
13 Dec  Primary Ten Pin Bowling

Week 11

16 Dec  Infants Ten Pin Bowling
16 Dec  Year 6 Farewell
17 Dec  Carols Night at 6pm. BBQ from 5:45pm.

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.

Year 6 Canberra Excursion
Australian Government Assistance for National Capital Excursion
Students from our school have recently undertaken an educational tour of the national capital. While on this tour they participated in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist you in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school. We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

Student of the Week –

Week 8

Laila Riseley
Infants

Jessie Hanson
Primary
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
Last Thursday night the school's play equipment was set on fire. The P&C are devastated that someone could be so heartless to destroy something we put so much time and effort into raising funds to contribute to. If anyone has any information on who may be responsible please contact Grafton Police Station or the school office.

CANTEEN NEWS
The canteen has run out of Moosies and is running low on all stock. Please keep ordering as normal and we'll try and fill them as best as possible.

Could all canteen volunteers interested in continuing to help next year please put their names on the list in the canteen as soon as possible as Davina needs to start the roster for next year. If we can't get enough helpers we will be forced to close some days. If you are interested in helping out and you can't make it in to 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
A huge thank you to all that helped out in the clothing pool on the Kindy Orientation days.

The Clothing Pool is running low on second hand uniforms. If you have any please bring them in when possible.

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

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
- **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

### CANTEEN ROSTER
- **Wednesday 4/12** Ann Finn, Angie Miller
- **Thursday 5/12** Sonia Bell, Leanne Godwin, Kristy Marchant
- **Friday 6/12** Di Luxton, Allen Shanley, Sue Olrick
- **Monday 9/12** Kathy Alcock, Davina Green
- **Tuesday 10/12** Christine Lynch, Sue Olrick
- **Wednesday 11/12** Sandra Woods, Vanessa Berrick