Message from the Principal

Wheelathon
So far we have raised $11,000 in the Wheelathon which is fantastic, and we thank our community for getting behind this fund raising venture. Most sponsorship cards have come in but we still have some not returned. Please return the sponsorship cards even if no funds were raised. We will finalise all collected money and announce prize winners in next Tuesday’s newsletter. Thanks to Mrs Anderson as the main coordinator of the event, and Miss Bebbington and Mrs Tibbs for assisting.

Kindergarten Orientation Days
We are looking forward to our first Kindergarten Orientation Day this Friday 14 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 21st and 28th 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.

Student Welfare Behaviour Policy
We are reviewing our Behaviour Policy and would appreciate it greatly if parents completed and returned the survey that will go home today on blue paper. Please return it to the class teacher or the school office by next Tuesday 18 November.

CSI (Clarence Science Initiative)
Congratulations to twenty of our students who were successful in being selected into the CSI Program (Clarence Science Initiative) at South Grafton High School. They will attend SGHS every second Tuesday in 2015 to participate in specialised Science learning opportunities. Well done to Mason Beadman, Matthew Craik, Jack Ford, Brooke Jackson, Michael Luxton, Declan Lynch, Will Pope, Keaton Roe, Isabel Taylor, Bridget Walters, Jacob Woodbury, Jaz Busch, Byron Maddock, Blake Martin, Oliver Westman, Lucy Sear, Eleisha Cone, Keegan Pope, Jamie Thorley and Myles Hartman. That is the highest number of students from any Grafton school.

International Competitions
Again, the exceptionally high standards achieved by our students in competitions at an international level, have proven that the combination of both quality teaching and student effort at Westlawn leads to outstanding achievement. Well done to staff and students for these results!

International Maths Competition: Students were successful in gaining 11 Credit and 13 Merit awards. Credits to: Abel Warren, Blake Hayne (Yr 3), Jack Ford, Brooke Jackson, Michael Luxton, Toby Revell, Keaton Roe (Yr 4), Byron Maddock, Blake Martin, Bridget Walters (Yr 5), Eden Annesley (Yr 6). Merits to: Erin Dunkley-Moore, Taj O’Mahoney, Laila Riseley (Yr 3), Tanika Crispin, Sam Marshall, Maddison Osborne (Yr 4), Seth Boulton, Oliver Westman (Yr 5), Joseph Lynch, Tim McGregor, Ethan Powell, Mason Roe, Henry White (Yr 6).

International Computer Competition: Students were successful in gaining 10 Credit and 8 Merit awards. Credits to: Caleb Berrick, Laila Riseley, William Wallace (Yr 3), Eleisha Cone, Sacha Goldsworthy, Byron Maddock, Blake Martin, Oliver Westman, Chloe Winters (Yr 5), Bowen Taylor (Yr 6). Merits to: Jack Ford, Nate Harwood, Maddison Osborne (Yr 4), Jaimee Thorley, Bridget Walters (Yr 5), Cody Makejev, Ethan Powell, Henry White (Yr 6).
**SRC Book Character Day**

Our students representatives on the SRC have chosen to raise funds for the Leukaemia Foundation this term. So tomorrow, Wednesday 12 November, all students are asked to bring a gold coin donation and dress as a book character.

**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 2016, 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 2015 but you must register online by this Monday 17th November. The application information booklet and application website link are on the High Performing Students Unit’s website at: [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement).

**P&C and Canteen Meetings**

On Wednesday 12 November the monthly Canteen Meeting will be at 5:30pm and the P&C meeting will be at 6pm. Please feel welcome to join this terrific group of supportive parents.

**Leaving Westlawn this year?**

We are confirming student numbers and staffing needs for 2015. If your child/ren will be leaving this Term or over the holidays could you please phone the school office to let us know. Thank you.

Narelle Twigg
Principal

**Diary Dates**

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Students of the Week

Danika Broomfield – 1P

Sinead Buist - 6K

SRC Mufti Day
Tomorrow will be a mufti day to support the Leukaemia Foundation. The theme will be book character. There will be a parade after morning lines where each class will be able to show off their costumes. We are asking for a gold coin donation and we appreciate your support in helping raise money for this charity.

Year 6 Canberra Excursion
Year 6 students who are going to Canberra are reminded to bring in their Medical Notes and permission notes as soon as possible. Money for the excursion needs to be finalised by Friday 14\textsuperscript{th} November.

Portfolios
Please return the green Portfolio folders to the class teacher so that the Semester 1 reports can be placed in them. Reports go home Friday 12\textsuperscript{th} December.

Perpetual Trophies
If you hold a Perpetual Trophy, please return it as soon as possible.
Speech and Presentation Day this year is Tuesday 9\textsuperscript{th} December.

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My child/ren will not be attending Westlawn Public School in 2014.

Name: _______________________________ Signed: ___________________
Name of child: _______________________________ Class: _______________
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Remembrance Day  by Georgia Watts
On the 11 of November at 11.00am we stand in silence.
We lay poppies among their graves.
For those who fought and were so brave.
As mothers stay and hope and pray
as the soldiers fight so far away.
You should be thankful for what you’ve got
and remember all the soldiers who fought.
Lest We Forget

Remembrance Poem  by Jessica Walters and Isabelle English
On the 11th of November
is Remembrance Day.
On a day we remember
those who fought far away.

Each wounded soldier on the grounds bled.
A poppy grew.
The colour of rich blood red.

Underneath the moonlight
soldiers sat there,
filled with fright.
Thinking of their friend that is dead
sleeping in their grave,
their bed.

Wife and children wept and wept,
there father, husband, son had left.

Each soldier was so very brave,
that power they took to their grave.
Always believing that they can.
We will remember them, Lest We Forget.

Remembrance Day  by Eden Annesley
On the 11th of November, 1919, Armistice Day
was first made.
We lay a poppy upon some graves, with
memories that will never fade.

We remember the day that the war was announced,
the day that all families despaired.
A few weeks later, the men had departed
and women thought,
“How have they fared”.

A fearful four years now came and went and
people lived in constant fear,
that devastating bombs would come and destroy,
everything they held dear.

Then finally, finally it came to a halt.
The treaty was signed, war came to an end.
A century later, we still repeat,
“We Will Remember Them”.

Remembrance Day  by Ethan Powell, Josh Weatherstone and Tim McGregor
We wear our poppies bright and red
on the 11th of November.
To remember the blood that was shed
for those we will remember.

The soldiers that were strong and brave
that we loved and protected,
now live beneath a grave.
For all soldiers we respect.

They risked their lives for our freedom,
with respect we shall treat them.
Our whole nation salutes them.
We will remember them.
LEST WE FORGET
Orientation for students attending South Grafton High School in 2015

An orientation program will be held at South Grafton High School for all incoming Year 7 students and their parents/caregivers on Tuesday 18th November.

Students and carers are to arrive at the school by 9am and the day will commence by **9:20am in the Hall**. Parents are encouraged to attend the morning session until 11:00am. Students will need to remain at school until 1:30pm where they will be supervised until pickup. Students are requested to bring their own recess and a pen and paper to write down important information given on the day. A BBQ sausage sizzle lunch will be provided. Students are requested to wear their school **sports uniform**.

**Selective High School Information**

Students who wish to apply for a Selective High School in 2016 need to complete and submit the online form no later than the 17th November 2014. Selective high schools cater for highly achieving, academically gifted students. If you would like more information please see Mrs Ellis, your child’s class teacher or follow this link [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement) to the website.

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Inadequate sleep may be linked to a sluggish metabolism!

Mounting evidence points to poor sleep resulting in a sluggish metabolism, and poor sleep is a risk factor for becoming overweight!

The recommendations for sleep are:

- **Preschool** (3 - 5 years) 11-13 hours/night
- **School** (5 - 12 years) 9 - 11 hours/night
- **Teens** (12 - 18 years) 8.5 - 9.5 hours/night

Some hints for a healthy sleep:

- Consistency: going to bed and rising at a regular time (be firm)
- having a 30-60 minute quiet time before bed; this might include a bath or shower, pyjamas, a drink, cleaning teeth, a toilet visit, a bedtime story, a goodnight kiss and then lights out as parents leave the bedroom.
- No screens (TV, phones or game consoles) in the bedroom

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Creative Youth, is a group held monthly for creative kids who are in Years 3 and up. This month it's 'Pool Party & Fishing'! Also enjoy pizza, games, and cool Bible topics.

**Friday 21st November 2014**

- **Time:** 6.00-7.30pm
- **Place:** Meet @ Pool Party venue.
- **Contact:** Ellie on 0422567859 for more information.

Cost: $3

This is an activity of the Uniting Church in Grafton
KINDY ORIENTATION
We are looking for volunteers to help with refreshments on the three Kindy Orientation days, 14, 21 & 28 November. If you can help please contact Davina Green on 0423741820.
The clothing pool will also need helpers on those days. If you can help please contact Sharyn Ellem on 0457821307.

YEAR 2
A reminder all year 2 students will require a sport uniform for next year. Purchase from the clothing pool during their opening hours or from the office.

Clothing Pool Hours 2014
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
Wednesday, 12 November 2014 – 5:30pm Old Hall
P&C General Meeting
Wednesday, 12 November 2014 – 6:00pm Old Hall
Kindy Orientation
Friday, 14 November 2014
Book Club Orders Due Back
Thursday, 27 November 2014

CAROLS NIGHT
The carols will be Tuesday, 16 December. If you have any suggestions for the night or would like to help, please contact Renee Nilon 0400095816.

WHAT’S IN A NAME?
The Canteen Committee have decided the canteen needs a name. We are opening suggestions to all students of the school. So kids, put your thinking caps on. Return the cut off slip below to school for your chance to name the school canteen. The winning entry will receive the honour of naming the canteen and a $10 voucher for the canteen.

Canteen Roster:
Wednesday 12th November  Sue Ulrick, Davina Green
Thursday 13th November  Sue Ulrick, Davina Green
Friday 14th November  Shelley Thompson, Vanessa Waterhouse, Nicole Turnbull, Sonya Wall
Monday 17th November  Cindy Mitchell, Di Luxton, Melissa Johnston
Tuesday 18th November  Carly Rigoni, Nicole Turnbull

I would like to volunteer to help in the canteen. I can do the following days:

Monday  Tuesday  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday

☐ Weekly ☐ Fortnightly ☐ Monthly ☐ Other – indicate below

☐ I would prefer to volunteer for a half day
Date I am available: ________________________________________________________________

I would volunteer if: _________________________________________________________________

Your feedback is very important to us. Thank you

Name the Canteen

My suggestion is ________________________________________________________________

Name ___________________________________________ Class ________