Message from the Principal

Last week, many Year 5 students presented their speeches to an audience of our teachers and the students from Years 2 to 6, prior to the election for the Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects for 2015. The standard of the speeches was outstanding, with every nominee presenting a well delivered speech with considered ideas and supporting evidence to explain why they deserved to be elected. The children prepared the speeches in school breaks under the guidance of Mr Jones. Congratulations to all of the nominees for their efforts, for which they should be duly proud. The successful Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects will be announced on Presentation Day.

Public speaking is a lifelong skill that is important for all children to attain. At Westlawn we have done considerable work to improve the public speaking skills of students as can be seen in class, in assemblies and in presentations to a larger audience. The results are clearly evident with a much improved standard across the school and the students are much more confident in speaking to an audience.

School Band

We would like parents of children in Years 2 to 4 to give some thought to their child having music lessons at school in 2015. We have qualified teachers from the Conservatorium of Music who conduct lessons during school hours at Westlawn. There is a fee for lessons but it is kept low to encourage more children to take up music. We are very pleased that the number of students learning to play a musical instrument has increased this year, however we would love to build our School Band to give our students the opportunity to be enriched by music. Learning music has a positive impact on student learning in Maths and other areas, as well as great benefits to their overall wellbeing. For enquiries please phone the school office or speak with Miss Ellem.

Major P&C Raffle

Each year our P&C holds a major Christmas 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:

- 1st prize: $1000 voucher from Cummings Birite Electrical
- 2nd prize: BMX bike
- 3rd prize: Large fluffy toy dog
- 4th prize: Prepaid Telstra phone

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 12th December. The raffle will be drawn at Carols by Candlelight on Tuesday 16th December.

School Hats

Please make sure that your child is wearing their school hat to school every day. We want children to wear them every day so that they have them if the teacher takes the class out to play a game or do an outside activity, as well as the child having it on at lunch and afternoon tea. Every child needs a school hat every day.
**Presentation Day**
Presentation Day will be held on Tuesday 9th 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.

**Year 5 and 6 Excursions**
The teachers who are on the Year 5 and 6 excursions to Lake Ainsworth (Y5) and Canberra (Y6) have said that the children are having a great time and slept well on their first night.

Narelle Twigg  
Principal

**Diary Dates**

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| Thurs 11 Dec | Talent Quest |
| Thurs 11 Dec | Parent Helper Afternoon Tea at 1:30 pm |
| Fri 12 Dec | Reports go home |
| Fri 12 Dec | Infants Ten Pin |
| **Week 11** | |
| Mon 15 Dec | Primary Ten Pin |
| Mon 15 Dec | Yr 6 Farewell |
| Tues 16 Dec | Carols Night and raffle draw |
| Wed 17 Dec | Students' last day |
| Thurs 18 Dec and Fri 19 Dec | Staff Development Days |

**Year 2 Excursion**
On Thursday 13th November, Year 2 had their end of year excursion. We went to visit the new library, police station and Schaeffer House. To finish the day we had lunch and a play at Jacaranda Park. At the police station, Constable Paul showed us inside the police station, the cells and the highway patrol car. At the library we saw the Xbox and PS3 kids area and how the books are sorted and returned.

At Schaeffer House we had to find lots of old things. We liked the kids room and the old café furniture. It was a great day.

Thanks to Mike Fishburn, Julie-Anne Wiles, Michelle Kearns, Melinda Davis and Angela Hinterhozl for helping out.  
* Molly and Amelia – 2C

**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 12th December.

**Perpetual Trophies**
If you hold a Perpetual Trophy, please return it as soon as possible.

Speech and Presentation Day this year is Tuesday 9th December.
Student of the Week

**Ryder Gorring – 1L**

**CSI Program**
The information evening for parents of students who have been accepted into the CSI Program for 2015 is this Wednesday 26th November. The meeting will be held in the South Grafon Hish School library. If your child is away at camp, you are still very welcome to attend to find out more information about this great program.

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**Grafton City Tennis Club opens its doors on Saturday, 29th of November 2014**

Local tennis fans will be encouraged to ‘make a racquet’ at Grafton City Tennis Club on Saturday 29th of November as part of the AO Tennis Blitz. Tennis regulars and those who have never picked up a racquet are invited to head to the club between 9.30am and 1.30pm to enjoy free activities including ANZ Tennis Hot Shots, Cardio Tennis, a hit the target competition, coaching, free play, face painting, BQ, prizes and more.


To find out more about the AO Tennis Blitz visit [tennis.com.au](http://tennis.com.au).

**For further media information please contact:**
Ayesha Beckman, Grafton City Tennis Club, 0450 940 173
Westlawn Talent Quest!

will take place on

Thursday 11th December, 2014

in the school hall.
The acts, in order of appearance, are

- Bree Hunter
- Henry and Brock
- Eden Annesley on violin
  - BMB
  - Larni’s Group
  - Mason Roe
- Joseph and Declan
- Arabela and Tahlia
- Ruby, Leanah, Poppy and Co.
- Eden Annesley on Piano
  - Blake and Jacob
  - Gabby’s Group
- Sophie, Bree and Kiera
  - Lucy and Ele
  - The Bro’s
- Gabby, Georgia, Caitlin and Sally
CLOTHING POOL NEWS

If anyone has second hand uniforms please bring them in as we are running low.

The clothing pool are looking for more volunteers. It is currently only open for 3 half hour time slots during the week. If we can’t get more volunteers that may reduce.

Next year we will also be looking for a new co-ordinator. Sharyn Ellem has indicated next year will be her last year as she feels it is time to move on. Sharyn is more than happy to train someone up next year and will be at the school another couple of years after that. If you are interested in taking on the role please see Sharyn for more information.

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.

CANTEEN NEWS

Due to the lack of interest fresh fruit salad will no longer be available in the canteen. We are having to throw away large amounts of fruit. Fresh fruit such as apples, oranges, bananas and pieces of watermelon will still be available.

KINDY ORIENTATION

The clothing pool will be open this Friday, 28 November from 8:45 to 11:15am. We need helpers so if you are available please contact Sharyn Ellem on 0457821307.

MAJOR RAFFLE

Tickets for the Major Raffle went home last week and there are some fabulous prizes on offer. Please return all tickets, sold or not, prior to the Carols on Tuesday, 16 December.

BOOK CLUB

Please have book club orders returned by this Thursday, 27 November. No late orders will be accepted as the end of term is too close.

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.

CANTNEE NAMING

The name of the canteen will be announced next week once students return from camps.

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

Book Club Orders Due Back
Thursday, 27 November 2014

Kindy Orientation
Friday, 28 November 2014

Canteen Meeting
Wednesday, 10 December 2014 – 5:30pm Old Hall

P&C General Meeting
Wednesday, 10 December 2014 – 6:00pm Old Hall

Carols Night
Tuesday, 16 December 2014

Canteen Roster:

Wednesday 26th November
Sue Ulrick,
Ann Finn,
Kerrie Evans

Thursday 27th November
Mel Kingsley,
Sharron Robertson,
Sue Ulrick

Friday 28th November
Justine Pereira,
Allen Shanley,
Angela Hinterholzl,
Sue Ulrick

Monday 1st December
Kathy Alcock,
Davina Green

Tuesday 2nd December
Rebecca Ashenden,
Davina Green
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: ___________________________________________________________

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Your feedback is very important to us. Thank you